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OCTAVI.

Actes made in the selsion of

this present parliament holden vpon proroga-
tion at westm the. XXII. day of January/ in the
xxxi. yere of the reigne of our moste dread soue-
rayn lord Henry the eyght. by the grace of god
kyng of England Fraunce and Irelande de-
fendour of the fayth, and of the church of
England and also of Irelande in earth
the sup. me head/ & there continu-
ed and acpte tyll the. xii. daye of
May in the. XXXV. yere of
our sayd souerayne lord/
to the honour of god/
and for the common
weale and profit
of this his
realme.

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for the abolishment of the contrary. Cap. i.



Here the kynges most royal maiestie / our gra-
tious and natural soueraigne liege lo:de, supreme head of the
churche of England, and also of Ireland, and his honoura-
ble counsaile, percepueth the ignoraunce, sonde opinions,
errours, and blyndenes of diuers and sundry his subiectes
of this his realme, in abusynge, and not obsetuynge, nor fo-
lowynge the commaundmentes, p:ceptes, and lawes of almighty god, nor
the very true and perfect religion of Chyste, not withstanding suche hole-
some doctrynes, and documentes as his maiestie hath hertofore caused to
be set forth for that purpose, besides the great lybertie graunted to them,
in hauing amonges them, and in their handes the newe and olde testament,
whiche not withstanding many seditious people, arrogant and ignorant,
persons, wherof some p:tendyng to be lerned, and to haue the parfitte, and
true knowlege, vnderstanding, and iudgement of the sacred, and holy scrip-
tures, and some others of their peruerse, froward and malicious myndes,
wylles and intentes, entendynge to subuerthe the veray true and perfecte ex-
position, doctrine, and declaration of the sayd scripture, after their peruers
fantasies: haue taken vpon them, not onely to p:ache, teache, declare,
and set forth the same by wordes, sermons, disputations, and argumentes,
but also by p:rinted boke, p:rinted balades, playes, rymes, songes, and o-
ther phantasies, subtelly and craftely instructyng his highnes people, and
specially the yowthe of this his realme vntreuly, & otherwise than the scrip-
ture ought or shulde be taught, declared, or expounded, and contrary to the
veray sincere, and godly meanyng of the same. wherbyon diuersitie of o-
pinions, saynges, variaunces, argumentes, tumultes, and scisnes haue
ben sprong and arisen amonges his said subiectes, within this his realme,
to the great inquietation of his sayde people, and great displeasure of his
maiestie, and contrary to his graces true meanyng, good intention, and
most godly purpose.

FOR reformatton wherof, his maiestie most vertuoufully, and prudently
considereth, and thinketh that it is, and shalbe most requisite, expedient and
necessary, not onely by lawes dedfull and penall, to take away, purge, and
cense this his highnes realme, territories, confines, dominions, and coun-
treys, of all suche booke, w:tynges, sermons, disputations, argumentes,
balades, playes, rymes, songes, teachynges and instructions, as be pestife-
rous, and noysome, with all the causes, instrumentes, and meanes of the
same: But also to ordeine and establishe a certayne fourme of pure and sin-
cere teachynge, agreeable with goddes worde, and the true doctrine of the
catholyke and apostolycall churche, wherbynto men may haue recourse for
the true decision of some suche controuerlies as haue in tynes past and yet

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do happen and ryle amonges them. And therfore be it enacted, ordeyned, and establisshed, by our said soueraigne lord the kynge, the lordes spirituall and tempoꝛall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctozitie of the same, that all maner of bookes of the olde and new testament in englyshe, being of the crafty, false, and vnttrue translation of Cimbale, and al other bookes and wrytynges in the englyshe tongue, teaching oꝛ compysyng any matters of chrysten religion, articles of the fayth, oꝛ holy scripture, oꝛ any part of them, contrary to that doctrine, which sings the pere of our lord. *H. D. cl. is.* oꝛ at any tyme duryng the kinges maiesties lyfe, our sayde soueraygne lord that now is, kyng Henry the. viii. whiche our lord longe pꝛeserue, shall be sette fozthe by his highnes, with suche superscription and subscription, as hereafter shall be declared, shall be by auctozitie of this present act clerely and vtterly abolisshed, extinguisshed, and fozbydden, to be kepte oꝛ vled in this realme, oꝛ elles where in any the kynges dominions.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctozitie aforesaid, that if any pꝛinter, boke bynder, bokeseller, oꝛ any other person oꝛ persons, shall after the fyrst daye of July nexte ensuyng, pꝛynte oꝛ cause to be pꝛinted, oꝛ vtter sell gyue oꝛ delyuer within this realme oꝛ els where within any the kinges dominions, any of the bookes oꝛ wrytynges afoꝛe abolisshed oꝛ pꝛohibited, oꝛ play in enterludes, syng oꝛ ryme, any matter contrary to the sayd doctrine, which syng the sayd pere of our lord. *H. D. cl. is.* oꝛ at any tyme (as is aforesayd) shall be set fozthe by the kynges maiestie, our sayde soueraygne lord that now is, and be of any of the offences aforesaid conuicted, by sufficient witnes befoꝛe any two of the kynges counsaile, oꝛ the ordynary of the diocesse, where any suche offence shall be committed, and two Iustices of peace of the same shire where any suche ordynary shall lytte within his diocesse foz that purpose, oꝛ befoꝛe any other person oꝛ persons, whome foz this purpose the kynges maiestie shall appoint by his highnes commission, shall haue and suffer, foz the fyrst tyme, imprisonment of his body foz thre monethes, and also lose and fozfalte foz euery suche boke oꝛ wrytyng, pꝛinted, vttered, solde, gyuen, oꝛ delyuered (as is aforesayd) the sūme of. x. li. sterlyng. And foz the seconde tyme so offending in any of the said offences, and being therof conuicted, as is aforesaid, shall lose and fozfalte all his goodes, and his body to be committed to perpetuall pꝛyson.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctozitie aforesaid, that if any person oꝛ persons, after the fyrst daye of July nexte commyng, reteyne in his handes oꝛ custodye, any englyshe bookes oꝛ wrytynges, concernyng matter against the holy and blessed sacrament of the aultare, oꝛ foz the maintenaunce of the dampnable opinions of the secte of the anabaptistes, oꝛ any other englyshe bookes oꝛ wrytynges, whiche hertofore haue bene abolisshed and condemned by the kynges proclamations, and shall be therof conuicted, in maner and fourme aforesaid: That than euery suche offendour shall foz euery such boke oꝛ wrytyng so reteyned as is aforesaid, lose and fozfalte the sūme of. v. li. sterlyng

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lyng. And if any person or persons, after the fyrst day of Octobze next comyng, shall reteine in his handes or custodie, within this realme or elles where within any the kynges dominions, any other of the sayde bookes or wytynges befoze prohibited, and shall be therof conuicted, in maner and fourme afozelsaid: that than the sayd person or persons, so beinge conuicted, shall for euery suche booke or wytyng, conteynyng special treaty or chapter against any doctrine, sette forth the or to be set forth by the kynges maiestie, as afozelsaid, so by hym or them reteined, forsaite and pay the summe of v. li. sterlyng. And if the booke or wytynge, haue onely wordes or sentences enterlaced, contrary to the said doctrine: Then the fyne to be moderate by the discretion of the iudge: so it excede not. xl. s.

Wherby alwayes, that the bibles and newe testaments in englyshe, not beinge of Tyndalles translations, shall stande in force, and not be compylled in this abolition or acte. Neuerthelesse if there shall be founde in any suche bibles or newe testaments, any annotations or preambles: That than euery person and persons, hauynge any bibles or newe testaments, with any suche annotations or preambles, shall befoze the sayd fyrst day of Octobze, cut out or blotte the same, in suche wise, as they can not be perceyued nor red, vpon payne to lose and forsaite for euery bible and newe testament, that any person or persons shall haue in their handes or custodie, after the said fyrst day of Octobze, with any suche annotations or preambles, as is afozelsaid, contrary to this acte. xl. s.

Wherby alwaye, that this article nexte aboue specified: do not extend to the blotting or cutting out of any quoration, or summaries of chapters, expessed or conteyned in any suche bibles or newe testaments. Any thyng afoze mentioned to the contrary therof not withstanding.

Wherby also, that all bookes in englyshe, printed befoze the yere of our lord. M. D. xl. intituled, the kynges highnes proclamations, iniunctions, translations of the Vater noster, the Aue maria, and the Crede, the psalters, pymers, prayers, statutes and lawes of the realme, cronicles, Canterbury tales, Chaucers bookes, Gowers bookes, and stoies of menne lyues, shall not be comprehended in the prohibition of this acte, onlesse the kynges said maiestie shall hereafter make speciall proclamation for the condemnation and reprobuing of the same, or any of them.

Wherby alwayes and be it enacted by auctoritie afozelsaid, that al printers may laufullly print all suche bookes, conteynyng matters of religion, as the kynges maiestie shall by his byll assigned allowe and approue, wherunto the same printers shall be bound to put the superscription and subscription in this fourme: that is to say, by the kyng and his clergy, with addition in the ende of the printers name, his dwelyng place, the day and yere of the pryncing of the same, whiche if the same printer do omitte, he shall incurre suche penalties as befoze is lymitted for the pryncing, sellynge, geynyng, or delueryng of vnlaufull bookes.

Wherby alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie afozelsayde, that

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it shalbe

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*On the 1st day of
the 1st of the
month of the
year 1544*

it shall be lafull to all and euery person and personnes, to sette forth the son-
ges playes and enterludes, to be bled and exercised within this realme, and
other the kynges dominions, for the rebukynge and reprochyng of vices, &
the setting forth of vertue: So alwaies the said songes playes or enterlu-
des medle not with interpretations of scripture, contrary to the doctrine set
forth or to be set forth by the kynges maiestie, our sayde soueraigne lord
that now is, kyng Henry the. viii. in fourme aforesayd. Any thyng contem-
ned in this act to the contrary not withstanding.

*And be it further enacted,
by the auctoritie aforesayd,
that no maner of
person or persons,
after the first day of
October next ensuyng,
shall take vpon
him or them to read
preache or teach
openly to other,
in any church, or
open assembly,
within any the
kynges dominions,
the bible, or any
part thereof
openly to be read,
preached or taught
to other, in any
church, or open
assembly, as is
aforesayd, onlesse
he be so appointed
therunto by the
kynges maiestie,
or by any ordinary,
or by suche as haue
rule gouernement
and auctoritie, to
make deputacion
or assignement
for the same,
vpon payne that
euery suche offendour,
beinge therof conuicted
as is aforesayd,
shall suffer imprisonment
of one moneth.*

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayd, that no maner of
person or persons, after the first day of October next ensuyng, shall take vpon
him or them to read preache or teach openly to other, in any church, or
open assembly, within any the kynges dominions, the bible, or any part of
scripture in englyshe, or by any other person or persons cause it or any part
therof openly to be read, preached or taught to other, in any church, or open
assembly, as is aforesayd, onlesse he be so appointed therunto by the kyn-
ges maiestie, or by any ordinary, or by suche as haue rule gouernement and
auctoritie, to make deputacion or assignement for the same, vpon payne that
euery suche offendour, beinge therof conuicted as is aforesayd, shall suffer
imprisonment of one moneth.

*And be it further enacted,
that the chauncellour of
Englande, capitaines of
the warres, the kynges
Justices, the recorder of
any cite, borough, or
towne, the speaker of
the parliament, and all
other Justices officers
and ministers, whiche
hertofore haue ben
accustomed to declate
or teach any good
vertuous or godly
exortacions, in any
assemblies, may vse
any parte of the bible
or holy scripture, as
they were wont and
haue ben accustomed,
so alwaies it be not
contrary to the doctrine
set forth or to be set
forth as is aforesaid,
any thing in this act
to the contrary therof
not withstanding.*

And be it further enacted, that the chauncellour of Englande, capitaines of
the warres, the kynges Justices, the recorder of any cite, borough, or
towne, the speaker of the parliament, and all other Justices officers and mi-
nisters, whiche hertofore haue ben accustomed to declate or teach any
good vertuous or godly exortacions, in any assemblies, may vse any parte
of the bible or holy scripture, as they were wont and haue ben accustomed,
so alwaies it be not contrary to the doctrine set forth or to be set forth as is
aforesaid, any thing in this act to the contrary therof not withstanding.

*And be it further enacted,
that it shall be laful to
euery noble man and
gentilman, beinge a
householder, to rede or
cause to be reade by
any of his family or ser-
uauntes, in his house
or chard or gardeyn, and
to his owne family, any
text of the bible or
newe testament, so
the same be done quietly
and without disturbance
of good order. And
also that it shall be
lawfull for euery
marchant man, beinge
a householder, and
occupieng the seate of
marchandise, to rede
to hym selfe priuately,
the bible and newe
testament, any thyng
in this acte to the
contrary herof not
withstanding.*

And be it further enacted, that it shall be laful to euery noble man and gentilman,
beinge a householder, to rede or cause to be reade by any of his family or ser-
uauntes, in his house or chard or gardeyn, and to his owne family, any text
of the bible or newe testament, so the same be done quietly and without di-
sturbance of good order. And also that it shall be lawfull for euery marchant
man, beinge a householder, and occupieng the seate of marchandise, to rede
to hym selfe priuately, the bible and newe testament, any thyng in this acte
to the contrary herof not withstanding.

*And vvhether the
kinges maiesty, of his
most gracions and
blessed disposition,
hath hertofore caused
to be set forth the
bible and newe
testament in the
englysh tongue, to
be read by his
louyng subiectes,
to the intent that
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almighty god, and
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his maiesties sayd
most godly purpose
and intent, hath
taken good effect
amonges a gret
multitude of his
subiectes, and
specially amonges
the highest and
most honest sort,
accoording to his
highnes good
expectation
therof, yet for as
moche as his
highnes percepueth,
that a gret
multitude of his
sayde*

AND VVHERE the kinges maiesty, of his most gracions and blessed dis-
position, hath hertofore caused to be set forth the bible and newe testament
in the englysh tongue, to be read by his louyng subiectes, to the intent that
they myght thereby the better knowe theyr duety to almighty god, and to his
maiestie, and also encrease in vertue, for the welthe of theyr soules, All be it
his maiesties sayd most godly purpose and intent, hath taken good effect a-
monges a gret multitude of his subiectes, and specially amonges the high-
est and most honest sort, accoording to his highnes good expectation therof
yet for as moche as his highnes percepueth, that a great multitude of his
sayde

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sayde subiectes, moſte ſpecially of the lower ſorte, haue ſo abuſed the ſame, that they haue therby growen and increaſed in diuers naughty and erroneous opinions, and by occaſion therof fallen into great diuiſion and diſſention among them ſelves, to the great vnquietneſſe of the realm, and other his maielties dominions. For remedy wherof be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayd, that from and after the fyrſt day of July next commynge, no women, nor artificers, prentiſes, iourneymen, ſeruyng men of the degrees of yomen or vnder, huſband men, nor labourers, ſhall reade within this realm, or in any other the kynges dominions, the bible or new teſtament in engliſh to hym ſelfe, or to any other priuately or openly, vpon paine of one monethes impriſonment for euery tyme offending contrary to this act, and being therof conuict in ſuche maner and fourme as is aforeſaide, onleſſe the kynges maiesty, our ſayd ſoueraigne lord kyng Henry the. viii. perceyving ſuche reformation and amendment in theyr lyues and behauiour, by the diligent and diſcrete redyng, and impyntyng in their hattes of the moſt bleſſed doctrine, ſet forth, or hereafter to be ſet forth by his ſaide maiesty, ſhall of his clemency thynke good otherwyſe, to enlarge and giue lyberty for the redyng of the ſame.

¶ Provided alwaie, that all maner of perſons, other than women, artificers, prentiſes, iourneymen, ſeruyngmen of the degrees of yomen or vnder, huſbandmen, and labourers, may reade to them ſelues, and to none other, any text of the bible and new teſtament, for theiſe owne edifieng and increaſe of vertu, any thing in this act to the contrary not withſtandynge.

¶ Provided alwaies, that euery noble woman and gentill woman may rede to them ſelues alone and not to others, any textes of the bible or new teſtament any thing in this act to the contrary therof not withſtandynge.

¶ Provided alſo, that it ſhalbe lawfull to euery perſon and perſons what ſo euer, to rede and teache in their howſes, and in the howſes of theyr huſbandes, parentes, or maiſters, all ſuche doctrine, as ſyns the ſayde yere of our lord. M. D. xl. is or ſhall be ſette forth by the kynges maiesty, our ſoueraigne lord that now is, as is aforeſayd. And alſo the pſalters, primers, Vater noſter, Aue, and Crede in engliſh, and all ſuche bookes and writyngeſ, whiche be aboue ſpecially named, to be reſerued and not to be abolyſhed and prohibited by this act: So they do the ſame quietly, and without diſturbance of good order, any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof not withſtandynge.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforeſayd, that no perſon or perſons, other than be aboue lymitted, ſhall take vpon hym openly to diſpute or argue, to debate diſcuſſe or expounde holy ſcripture, or any parte therof, whiche with al teuerence ought to be communicated amonge chriſten men, vpon the peynes of one monethes impriſonment.

¶ And it is alſo ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforeſayd, that the one moietye of all the penalties and forfeitures of ſummes of money aboue ſpecified, ſhall be to the kyng our ſoueraigne lord, and the other moietye therof to

*Counter auctoritie
at pmo dno July*

*Impriſonment
in mo*

*noble woman
gentle woman
merry yode to gylde*

to impriſonment in mo

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to goe to the forste
at boye cant more
at doct^r and boye
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to suche person or persons as wylle detecte and sue for the conuiction of any of the offendours contrary to this acte, in suche fourme as is aboue lymitted by this acte, and that the moptye of suche forsaithures lymitted to the partie detectyng and luyng as is aforesaide, shall be leuyed of the offendours, that shall be conuicte by auctoritie of this acte, as is aforesayde, after suche fourme fashion and orde of processe, as shall be deuysed by the iudge or iudges, afoze whome any suche conuiction shall be had: and the other moptye of suche forsaithures, lymitted to be to the kynges maiestie, shall be estreached by writtynge in to the kynges eschequer, by the sayd iudge or iudges, with in. xl. dayes nexte after suche conuiction had, if it be in the terme tyme, and if it be out of the terme, then within. xx. days next after the beginning of the terme folowynge after suche conuiction.

And be it further enacted, that if any spirituall person or personnes shall after the fyrst day of July next comynge, preache teache defende or maintayne, any matter or matters, thyng or thynges contrary to the godly instructions or determinations, whiche syns the yere of our lord aforesaid, is or shall be set forth by his maiestie, as is afoze mencioned: That then euery such offendour, beinge therof conuicted befoze the ordinarie of that diocesse, within the whiche the sayde offence shall be committed, and two Iustices of peace, as is aforesayd, or befoze two of the kynges maiesties counsaile, or suche commissioners as his maiestie shall appoint for that purpose: shall be for the fyrst tyme admitted to recante and renounce his sayde errours, after suche maner and fourme as shall be appointed by the ordinarie or Iudges, afoze whome suche offendour shall be conuicte. And if suche offendour refuse to recante, in suche fourme as is aforesayde, or if he recante, and after felonies offende: That than he shall for the seconde tyme, or for refusall to recant, abiure and beate a fagot, after suche maner and fourme as shall be assigned by the ordinarie or iudge and two Iustices of peace, as is aforesaid, afoze whome suche offendour shall be so conuicte. And if such offendour refuse to abiure and beate a fagotte, as is aforesayd, or if he abiure and beate a fagotte, as is aforesayde, and after offende the thirde tyme, contrary to this acte, and be therof conuicte in maner and fourme as is aforesayde: That than euery suche offendour, for the thirde tyme, or for refusall to abiure, shall be demed and adiudged an heretike, and shall suffer therfoze paynes of death by burninge, and losse and forsaithures of all his goodes and cattalles. And if any laie person or persons, shall after the said fyrst day of July next comynge, teache defende or mainteyne any matter or matters, thing or thinges, contrary to the godly instructions or determinations, whiche syns the yere of our lord aforesaid, is or shall be sette forth by his maiestie, as is aforesayd, euery such offendour, beinge therof duly conuicted befoze the ordinarie of the diocesse, within the whiche the sayde offence shall be committed, and two Iustices of peace, as is aforesaid, or befoze two of the kynges maiesties counsaile, or suche commissioners, as the kynges highnes shall appoint for that purpose, shall renounce and forsake his sayd error befoze the

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the sayde ordinarie or iudges, befoze whom the said offendour shall be con-
uicted and suffer imprisonment in any of the kynges prisons by the space of
xx. daies. And if suche offendour refuse to renounce and forlake his said er-
rours, or if he renounce and forlake his saide errors, and after eftelones
offende: That than he shall for the seconde tyme, or refusynge to renounce,
abjure and beare a fagot, in maner and forme, as by the ordinary or iudge,
befoze whome suche offendour shall be so conuicted, shall be appoynted. And
if suche offendour refuse to abjure and beare a fagot as is aforesayd, or if he
abjure and beare a fagot as is aforesayde, and after offende the thirde time
contrary to this act, or refuse to abjure, and be therof conuict in maner and
fourme as is aforesayde: That than every suche offendour shall forsaite all
his goodes and cattals, and haue perpetuall imprisonment.

Prouyded alwaies, that the offence of readyng, preachynge, teachynge,
defendynge or mainteyninge matter, contrary to the determination set forth
or to be set forth by the kynges maiestie our said soueraigne lord kinge Hen-
ry the. viii. be objected against the offendour, within one yere next after
suche offence committed and done, or els the offendour therein to suffer no
punishment by auctoritie of this act.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that in trial by witness
of any of the matters or offences aboue specified in this acte, the person or
persons, being detect or complained on, shall be admitted to purge and trye
his or their innocency by other witness, as many or mo in number, and of as
good honesty & credence as those be whiche deposed against them or any of
them, in whiche case the sayd iudge or iudges, whiche shall haue auctoritie
to examine here and determine the offences abouesayd, by auctoritie of this
acte, shall aduisedly and deliberatly suruey and consider the witness, brought
in by bothe partes, and their depositions and circumstances therof, & there
upon condempne or dissmisse from punishment and losse, the person detect or
complained upon, as to his owne discretion shall seme best to agree with
conscience and equity.

Prouyded alway that this act be vnderstand, that no person or persons
shall incurre any peine or penaltie in this act, for offendynge of any doctrine
hereafter to be sette forth by the kynges maiesties as is aforesayde, tyll one
moneth be past and expired nexte after suche doctrine shall be put in print,
within whiche tyme of a moneth, next after suche doctrine emprented, every
person may haue notice of the same.

Prouyded also that the acte concernynge the syre articles, shall styll re-
maine and continue in the same force strength and effecte, as it was befoze
the makynge of this act, any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof not
withstandynge.

And be it further prouyded by auctoritie aforesayd, that the kinges ma-
iestie our said soueraigne lord that now is kyng Henry the. viii. may at any
tyme hereafter at his highnes liberty and pleasure, chaunge and alter this
present act and prouisions of the same, or any clause or article therein contai-
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red, as to his highnes most excellent wisdom shall seme conuenient, any thinge in this act to the contrary therof not withstanding.

Coupyded alwaies and be it enacted, that for the moze speedy execution of this acte, every ordinary aforesayd, shall haue full power and auctorite, by vertu of this act, to giue notice to two iustices of peace, being vnder the degree of barons, and being resiaunt and inhabytaunt within suche shire, where any suche ordinary shall lyt, for the execution of this act and require them to come to suche place, and at suche time, as suche ordinary shall name and assigne, to toyne with the said ordinary in examination and determination of any offence or offences committed or done against the tenour of this acte. And in case any suche iustices, beyng so required, as is aforesayd, hauyng conuenient and reasonable warning and knowledge in writyng from the said ordinary, of the day and place appointed, do not come to such place and at suche tyme, as shalbe so appointed, hauyng no lawfull and iuste impediment to the contrary, shall forfeite and lose to the kynges highnes, for every suche offence, xl.s. to be estreated, as is aforesaid.

CAn act concernyng collectours and receyuers. Cap. ii.



Where dyuers and sundry highe collectours of the. x v. and subsidy, due to the kynges highnes, and dyuers other his particullar and general receiuours of his reuenues and duties, being within the suruey rule and order of his maiesties court of the Eschequer, the duchy of Lancaster, the court of the Augmentations of the reuenues of his crowne, the court of the generall Surueyours, the court of the wardes and liueries, and the court of the tenth and fyfthe frutes, haue hertofore, after the collection leuying or gathering of the kinges fiftenes subsidies rentes debtes, and other his money and duties, retayned occupied and conuerted the same to theyr owne singular profit and commodity, as in lonyng or leying out the same for gaines, in purchasyng landes of great value, and in byinge of wolles, and other marchandise, wherby the kinges maiesty hath oft tymes lost gret part of his debtes and duties, and somtime forborne the same by a long season, after suche tyme as the same haue ben due and gathered. For reformation wherof be it enacted ordeyned and establyshed, by the kinges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thaurtozity of the same, that every high collectour of any. x v. subsidy or other taxe or lone, and all and every other the kynges sayde particullar and generall receyuours, of any the said summes of money, and other duties belongyng to the king, from and after the fyfth day of July next comyng, shall within the space of thre monethes next after suche dayes and tymes, as any the said fiftenes, subsidies, rentes, summes of money, or other yerely profyttes, shall be due and payable to the kyng, his heires or successours, by any statute ordinaunce or other meane, and by

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and by the same collectour particular oꝝ generall recepuour, oꝝ any of them receyved oꝝ gathered, truly content delpyer and pay the same to the kynges vse, at suche place oꝝ places, and to suche person oꝝ persons, as he oꝝ shalbe named appoynted and lymitted foꝝ the same, vpon payne to foꝝsayte to the kyng his heyres and successours, foꝝ euery pounce so being receyved, and after that receyved kept oꝝ layde out foꝝ gayne, and not payed within thre monethes, to the kynges vse, as is aforesayde. iiii. Whilkynges foꝝ euery moneth that the same money shal be so receyved kepte oꝝ layde out foꝝ gayne, as is aforesayd, and also shal lose and foꝝsaite his oꝝ their sayd offyce, concerning the same, and all pꝛofites therby to belongyng. And that the king shal at his pleasure charge the said collectour particular oꝝ generall receuour vpon his oꝝ theyꝝ accomptes with the penaltie and foꝝsaptures aboue reherfed, oꝝ elles at his pleasure demaunde aske and recouer the same by action byll plaint oꝝ suite of debte against the same collectour oꝝ collectours, particular oꝝ generall recepuour, their heires executours oꝝ admystratours: In whiche action byll playnt oꝝ suite no pꝛotectiō essayne oꝝ wager of lawe shalbe allowed noꝝ admitted.

¶ Pꝛouided alway, that if any of the sayd collectours, particular oꝝ generall recepuours, tender payment of all suche money by theym receyved to the kynges vse, within the sayd thre monethes, in such place, and vnto such persone oꝝ persons, as he oꝝ shal be charged with the recepte of the same, and do as moche as in hym oꝝ them is, oꝝ than shal be, foꝝ to make true payment therof: and can not be therbynto admytted, by reason of importunate busynes, oꝝ other lawfull impediment oꝝ cause in hym oꝝ them that shoulde accepte oꝝ receyue the same: that in euery suche case, the same collectour, particular oꝝ generall recepuour oꝝ recepuours, as shal so make tender of al such money by hym oꝝ them receyved oꝝ gathered to the kynges vse, as is aforesaid, & can not be therbynto admitted foꝝ any the causes abouesaid, shal not be charged with, oꝝ incurre any danger oꝝ penaltie contained in this act: This act oꝝ any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Pꝛouided always, and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that the heyre oꝝ heyres of any collectour oꝝ recepuour aforesayd, shal not be charged oꝝ chargeable, by reason of this acte, but onely foꝝ and in suche landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes, whiche the saide heyre oꝝ heires haue oꝝ shal haue by discent in fee simple oꝝ fee tayle, oꝝ by gfyte, oꝝ els by any other assurance had oꝝ made to any suche heyre oꝝ heyres onely by couyn from the said collectour oꝝ recepuour, oꝝ any of them, oꝝ any theyꝝ assignes. And that in all and euery suche case and cases, the kynges maiestie, his heyres and successours, to haue execution only of & in such lādes tithes oꝝ hereditamētis descended, gꝛue, oꝝ otherwise assured, as is aforesaid, vntil such time as his maiesty, his heires & successoꝝs, be fully satisfied & paid of all & euery such some and sumes of money, due oꝝ to be due by any suche collectour oꝝ recepuour.

¶ And it is further enacted, that the executour oꝝ executours, admystratour oꝝ administratours of euery suche collectour oꝝ recepuour, shal not be other-

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be otherwise charged or chargeable by this acte, but as executors and administrators be or should be charged and chargeable by the order of the common lawes of this realme, in actions of debte, sued and commenced against them, as executors or administrators.

Chrouyded also and be it further enacted by thautozitie afozesayde, that where the heyze oꝝ heires of any the kynges recepuours oꝝ collectours oꝝ debtoours, is oꝝ shall be charged of and foꝝ his fathers oꝝ auncestours debtes oꝝ dueties, whose heire he is, whereby the landes descended oꝝ gyuen to hym by couyn, to defraude the kynges execution of suche lande vnto hym oꝝ theym from the sayde father oꝝ auncestour is put in execution, that than suche heire oꝝ heyres shall and may haue his oꝝ their action of debt agaynst the executours oꝝ administratours of his sayde father oꝝ auncestour, and shall haue execution of the goodes and cattalles of the sayd father oꝝ auncestour, being in the handes of the sayd executours oꝝ administratours, at the tyme of the sayd action bꝛought: In which sayd action none essoyn pꝛoꝛtection noꝝ wager of lawe shall be admitted oꝝ allowed.

C Provided alway, that this acte shall not extende to the collectours of the kynges custome, and of the subsidie of tonnage and pondage, which be accountable yerely in the kynges maiesties elschequer.

C PROVIDED always, that this acte, oꝛ any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende oꝛ be pꝛejudiciall to any the sayde generall oꝛ particular recey-
vour oꝛ receyvoirs, to oꝛ foꝛ the paymentes of any pentiones, fees, annui-
ties, rentes, oꝛ other allowances, by them oꝛ any of theym payde, oꝛ to be
payde, to any person oꝛ persons, accoꝛdyng to suche allowance oꝛ decree oꝛ de-
cree, as be oꝛ hereafter shall be allowed, oꝛdered, oꝛ decreed in any of the
sayd courtes, any thyng in this act to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ An acte for the assise of cole and wood. Cap.iii.



Vhere of late yeres not onely the kynges hygh-
ness, but also all his lounge subiectes, haue bene moche
disceyued in theyr fuell, that they haue bought by the gre-
dy couetous myndes of the sellars of the same, as welles by
the vntreue measures of cooles, lyttle and lyttell continually
mynysshed, as also in the vntreue lengthe and quantitie of
faggotte, talwood, and byllette, to the greatte dysceyte and losse, as welles
of our sayde soueraygne lord, as also of all his faythfull and trewe sub-
iectes. For refourmacion wheteof, be it enacted by the kyng our soue-
raygne lord, the lordes spyrytuall and tempoꝛall, and by the commons
in this presente parlyament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same,
that noo persone, from the feaste of the purification of our blessed ladye,
that shall be in the yere of our lord, a thousande fyue hundred fortye
and thye, shall bargayne, selle, bypge oꝛ conueye, to be vttered oꝛ solde,
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within the citie of London, or elles where within this realme of England, ne to Caleis or the marches of the same, any cooles fagottes billetes or talwood, but of the measures, quantitties lenghtes and assises herafter ensuinge, that is to saye, that every quarter of cooles shall conteyne in cleene cooles. viii. bushels at the least: and every shide of talwood to conteyne in lengthe. iiii. foote of assise at the least, beside the carse: and every talle shype of one, to be in greatnes in the myddes. xx. inches of assise at the least: and every tall shide, named of two, to cōteyne in greatnes in the myddes. xxvi. ynches of assise at the least: And every talle shide, named of. iiii. to cōteyne in greatnes. xxxii. ynches of assise at the least: And every tal shide, named of. viii. to conteyne in greatnes in the myddes. xxxviii. ynches of assise at the least: And every talshide, named of. vi. to conteyne in greatnes in the myddes. xliiii. ynches of assise at the least. And that no peece of talwood be made of any mo shides, than onely. v. and that no halfe shide be made, but onely of hym self, noz marked with an other. And every fagot bedde, with al that belongeth thereto, to conteyne in lengthe. iiii. foote of assise at the leaste: the bonde of every which faggotte to conteyne. iiii. quarters of a yerde at the leaste, beside the knotte. And every billette to be onely of one caste and not above. And the halfe of every loode of such billetes, to be singles, and every single billette to conteyne about the myddes. ix. ynches of assise at the least, and in lengthe with the carse. iiii. foote and an halfe of assise. And every double billet to be in greatnes in the myddes. xii. ynches of assise at the least. And every person, that so shal bargame sell bying or conuey to be vnterred or sold, any cooles, faggotte, billette, or talwood, contrary to the true meanynge and intent of this present acte, shall forfeite all such cooles faggot billet and talwood, or the value thereof. The one halfe of the said forfeiture to be to the kynge our soueraigne lord, and the other halfe to hym that wll lease the same, or sue thereto, in any of the kynges courtes, by writte bill plaint or information: wherein none esloyned protectiō noz waget of save to be allowed. And further, the saide offender within any citie borough or towne to be punished by the discretion of the maye or other head officer of the same citie borough or towne, for the tyme being. And the said offender, out of the saide citie borough or towne, to be punished by the discretion of two Justices of peace, inhabytinge within the shyre, where the offence shall be committed or done. And the saide offenders in Caleys, or the marches of the same, to be punished by the discretion of the maye and his byetherne there: And the offenders contrary to the premises, in the householde of our saide soueraigne lord the kynge, and his heires or successours, to susteine suche further punishment, as shall seme expedient to the headde officers of the saide householde for the tyme beinge, or thze of them, wherof the tresourer or the comptroller for the time being to be one.

An acte agaynst suche personnes as do make themselves bankrupte. Cap. lviij.



HERE DIVES and sundry persons, craftely obteynng into theyr handes great substance of other mennes goodes, do sodaynly flee to parties unknownen, or keepe theyr houses, not myndynge to pay or restore to any theyr creditours, theyr debtes and dueties, but at theyr owne willes and pleasures consume the substance obteyned by credite of other menne, for theyr owne pleasures and delicat living, agaynst al reason equity and good conscience. BE IT THEREFORE enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that the lord Chauncellour of Englande, or keeper of the great seale, the lord Treasurer, the lord President, lord Privy seale, and other of the kynges most honorable Privy counsayll, and the chiefe Justice of eyther benche, for the tyme beinge, or thre of them at the least, wherof the lord Chauncellour, or keeper of the great seale, lord Treasurer, lord President, or the lord Privy seale to be one, upon every complaynt made to them in wytinge by any parties greived concernynge the premises, shall have power and auctorite, by vertue of this acte, to take by theyr wisdomes and discretions, such orders and directions, as well with the bodies of such offendours as forsayd, where so ever they may be had, as well in their houses as els where, by imprisonment of theyr bodies, or otherwise, as also with theyr landes tenementes fees annuities & offices, whiche they have in fee simple, fee tayle, terme of life, terme of yeres, or in the right of theyr wyves, as moche as the interest, right, & title of the same offendours shall extend or be, and may than lawfully be departed with, by the said offendour, and also with theyr money goodes, cattalles, wares marchandises, & debtes, where so ever they may be found or knownen. And to cause theyr said landes tenementes fees annuities offices goodes cattals wares marchandises and debtes to be searched viewed rented and appoyled, and to make sale of the said landes tenementes fees annuities and offices, as moche as the same offender may than lawfully give graunt or depart with, or otherwise to order the same for true satisfaction and payment of the said creditours: that is to say, to every of the sayd creditours, a portion rate and rate lyke, accordyng to the quantity of their debtes. And that every direction order bargayn sale & other thinges done by the sayd lordes auctorized, as is aforesaid, in wytinge signed with theyr handes, by auctorite of this act, shall be good and effectual in the law to all intentes constructions & purposes agaynst the sayd offenders, theyr heires & executors for ever, as though the same order direction bargayn and sale had ben made by the sayde offender or offenders, at his or theyr owne free wyll and liberty by wytinge indented enrolled in any the kynges courtes of record.

And

And be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if after any suche acte or offence committed, and complaynte therof made to the sayde lordes, as is aforesaid, any partie greued concernyng the premises knowing, supposynge, or suspectynge any of the goodes cattalles wares marchaundises or debtes of suche offendour or offendours, to be in custodye, vse, occupieng keepinge or possession of any person or persones, or any person or persones to be indebted to any suche offendour or offendours, do make relation therof to the said lordes, to whome auctoritie is gyven by this present act as is aforesaid: that than the sayd lordes shall by vertue herof, haue full power and auctoritie to sende for and conuent afoze them by suche proces, wayes or meanes, as they shall thynke conuenient by theyr discretions, all and euery suche person & persones so known supposed or suspected, to haue any suche goodes cattals wares, marchaundises or debtes in his or theyr custodye vse occupation keepinge or possession, or supposed or suspected to be indebted to suche offendour or offendours, and vpon theyr apparaunce to examine them and euery of them as well by theyr othes, as otherwyle by suche wayes and meanes, as the sayde lordes by theyr discretions, shall thynke meete and conueniente for and vpon the specialty, certaynty, trewe declaration and knowledge of all and syngular suche goodes, cattalles, wares, marchaundises and debtes, of any such offendours as be supposed or suspected to be in his or theyr custodye, vse, occupacion or possession, and of all suche debtes as by them or any of them, shall be supposed or suspected to be owynge to any suche offendour. And if any suche person or persones vpon suche examination do not disclose, playnely declare and shewe the hole trithe of suche thynges, as he or they shall be examined of, concernyng the premises: than euerye suche person or persones so examined, and not declarynge the playne and whole trouthe, concernyng the premises, hypon due prose therof to be made, before the sayde lordes therfoze authorised, as is aforesayde, by witnesse, examination, or otherwyle, as to the same lordes shall seme sufficient in that behalfe, shall lose and forsaite double the valie of all suche goodes, cattalles, wares, marchaundises and debtes, by them or any of them so conceled and not wholly and playnely declared and shewed, whiche forsaiteure shall be leuyed and recovered by the sayde lordes, hauyng auctoritie as is aforesayde, by suche wayes and meanes, as to them shall seme requisite and conuenient. And the same forsaiteure to be distrybuted and imployed to and for the satisfaction and paymente of the debtes of the sayde credytour or credytours, in suchelike maner rate and fourme, as is abone declared, concernyng the orderynge of the goodes and cattalles of the sayde offendours, keepinge theyr houses, or fleunge to places vnknewen, as is aforesayde.

AND BE IT ALSO FVRTHER ENACTED by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if after any suche personne or persones shall kepe

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his or theyr houses, or flee to parties unknownen, as is aforesayde, any person or persons do fraudently by couyne or collusion, claime or demaunde any debt duety or other thinge by wryting or otherwyle, of any suche offendour or offendours, other than such as he or they can and doo proue to be due by right and conscience, in fourme aforesaid, befoze the said lordes hauyng aucthorite by this present acte, as is aforesayde, and the same to procede bona fide, without fraude or couyne: that than euery such person and persons, so craftely demaunding or clayning any such debte duety or other thinge, as is aforesaid, shall forsayte and lose double as moche as he or they shall so clayme or demaunde. And the same forsayture to be leuied recovered and imployed in maner and fourme as is afoze reherseb.

¶ And be it also further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any suche person or persons, whiche shall kepe his or theyr houses, or flee to parties unknownen, as is aforesaid, of entente to delay or defraude theyr creditours disceitfully by couyne or collusion, suffer or cause any other person or persons, to recouer against him or them any debtes goodes cattals wares or marchaundises without a iust cause and title so to do, procedynge bona fide, without fraude or couyne: that than vpon complaynt therof made to the said lordes haupnge aucthoritie by this present acte, as is afoze sayde, the same lordes shall haue power and aucthoritie by vertue herof, to conuent and cal befoze them the sayde recouerer or recouerers, and after suche fraude discrept couyne or collusion shal playnely appere or be duely proued befoze the sayd lordes auctorysed, as is aforesaid, all the sayd goodes and cattalles of the sayde offendour so recouered, shall be chargeable imployed ordered and deliuered towarde the payement of the trewe and due debtes of the sayde creditour, after the maner fourme and rate as is afoze specifyed, by the discretion of the sayde lordes, haupng aucthoritie by this present acte, the aforesayde false and fayned recouere not withstandynge: so that alwayes suche false and fayned recoueries shall not be in force, or any execution therby had of or vpon any goodes, cattalles, landes or tenementes of any suche offendour or offendours: buttill suche tyme as all his or theyr true and due debtes and dueties, shall be fully satisfyed contented and payed to his or theyr creditours. And neuertheles after that the sayd true debtes and dueties, shall be fully satisfyed and payed, as is aforesayde, as well the body of the sayd offendour, as his landes tenementes goodes and cattalles shall be charged and liable to the execution of the sayde recovery, according to the tenour force and effect of the same.

¶ And be it also enacted by the same aucthorite, that if any suche person or persons, which shall be indetted, do withdraue him selfe out of this realme and other the kynges dominions, into any foraine realme, or countrey, to the intent there to abyde and remaine in defraude of his creditours: that thanne vpon complaynte in wrytynge concernynge the premisses, therof made to the said lordes haupng aucthoritie, as is afoze said, the same lordes shall

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shall by vertue and auctoritie of this present act haue power and authoritie to awarde proclamations to be made in suche places as to them shalbe thought mete and conuenient, commaunding by the same such offender in the kyng our soueraygne lordes name, to returne with al conuenient speede in to this realme, and to yelde his body befoze the sayd lordes, hauing authoritie as is aforesayd, oꝛ one of them. And if the sayd person within thye monethes next after he shal haue knowlege of such proclamatio, oꝛ as sone after as he coueniently may, do not repayze and yelde his body as is afoze sayde, that than the body of all and euery suche offendour and offendours shal be adiuſged taken and demed to all intentes and purposes out of the kynges pꝛotectiō, and that also all goodes cattalles landes tenementes and debtes of euery suche offendour shal be by the oꝛder and discretiō of the sayd lordes imployed and distributed amonges his creditours equally and indifferently rate foꝛ rate, in lyke maner and fourme as is afoze declared. And that also euery person & persons that shal willingly helpe to aide imbecil oꝛ conuey any such person oꝛ persons, their goodes cattalles wares oꝛ marchaundises out of this realme, & other the kynges dominions, into any fozein realme oꝛ place, knowynge the sayd person oꝛ persons to depart oꝛ withdꝛawe them selues, oꝛ conuey theyꝛ sayde goodes cattals wares and marchaundises foꝛ the cause and intent aforesayd, shall suffer such peynes by imprisonment of their bodyes, oꝛ paye such fyne to our soueraigne lord the kyng, his heyrres oꝛ succellours, as to the sayd lordes hauing authoritie by vertue of this present acte, shall seme mete and conueniente foꝛ theyꝛ sayde offence oꝛ offences.

It is ordeyned alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if the creditours of any such offendour oꝛ offendours, which shal kepe his oꝛ theyꝛ house oꝛ houses, oꝛ which shal absent oꝛ withdꝛawe them selues into places vnknewen, foꝛ the causes aforesayd, be not fully satisfied and payed oꝛ otherwise cōtented foꝛ theyꝛ debtes and dueties, by the wayes & meanes afoze specified and declared, that than the sayde creditour and creditours, and euery of them, shall and may haue theyꝛ remedye foꝛ the recouery and leuynge of the residue of theyꝛ sayd debtes oꝛ dueties, wherof they shall not be fully satisfied and payed, oꝛ other wise cōtented in fourme aforesaid against the said offendour oꝛ offendours, in like maner and fourme as they shulde oꝛ myght haue had, befoze the making of this act. And that the said creditour and creditours, and euery of them, shall be onely barred and excluded by vertue of this acte, of and foꝛ all and euery such parte and portiō of the sayd debtes and dueties, as shall be payed satisfied distributed oꝛ deliuered vnto hym oꝛ them by the sayde lordes, haupnge authoritie as is aforesayde, and of no moze portiō oꝛ parcell therof, any thyng herein specified that maye be taken oꝛ construed to the contrary notwithstandinge.

¶ An acte for the explanation of the statute of wylles. Cap. b.



Here in the last parliament, begunne & holden at westm, the. XXVIII. day of April, in the. XXXI. yere of the kinges most gracious reigne, & there by diuers ppozogations holden & cōtinued vnto the. xxiii. day of July, in the. XXXII. yere of his said reigne: It was by the kinges most gracious & liberrall disposition shewed towardes his most humble & obedient subiectes. ordeyned and enacted, how & in what maner landes tenementes & other hereditamentes, myght be by wylle or testament, in wyting or otherwyle by any acte or actes lawfully executed in the lyfe of euery person, gyven disposed wylled or deuised, for the aduancement of the wyse, ppreferment of chyldren, payment of debtes of euery such person, or otherwyle at his wylle or pleasure, as in the same acte moze playnely is declared. Sithen the makynge of which estatute ouers doubtes, questions, and ambiguities, haue ryisen, ben moued, and growen, by diuersite of opinions takynge in and vpon the exposition of the letter of the same estatute: FOR a playne declaration and explanation wherof, and to the entent and purpose, that the kynges obedient and louinge subiectes shal & may take the comoditie and aduantage of the kynges sayde gracpous and liberrall disposition, the lordes spirituall and tempozoll, and the commons in this ppresent parliament assembled, most humbly besechen the kynges maiesty, that the meanynge of the letter of the same estatute, concernynge such matters hereafter reherfed, may be by the auctozitie of this ppresent parliament enacted, taken, expounded, iudged, declared, and explaned, in maner and fourme folowynge.

¶ Fyrst where it is cōteyned in the same former estatute, within diuers articles and byanches of the same, that all and singular person and persons, hauynge any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, of the estate or inheritauce, shuld haue full and free libertie power & auctozity, to giue, will, dispose, or assigne, as well by his last will & testament in wytinge or otherwyle by any acte or actes lawfully executed in his lyfe, his manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes or any of them, in suche maner and fourme, as in the same former acte moze at large it doth appeere. Whiche wordes of estate of inheritauce, by the auctozitie of this ppresent parliamēt, is and shalbe declared, expounded, taken, and iudged, of estates in fee simple only. And also that all & singular person & persons hauing a sole estate or interest in fee simple, or leised in fee simple, in ropercenary, or in cōmon in fee simple, of & in any manours landes tenementes tentes or other hereditamentes, in possessiō, reuertio, or remainder, or of rentes or seruices incidēt to any reuertion or remainder, & hauing no manours lādes tenementes or hereditamentes holden of the king, his heires, or successours, or of any other person or persons, by knightes seruice, shal haue ful and fre libertie power and auctozity, to gyue, dispose, wylle, or deuise to any person or persons (excepts

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And further be it declared and enacted, by the auctorite aforesayd, that all and singular person and persons, havinge a sole estate or interest in fee simple, or feised in fee simple, in coparcenary, or in common in fee simple, or in any manours landes tenementes rentes or other hereditamentes, in possession reversion or remainder, or of & in any rentes or services intidit to any reversion or remainder, holden of the kynge by knyghtes service in chiefe, or of the nature of knyghtes service in chiefe, hath, and by the auctorite of this present parliament shall have full and free liberty power & auctorite, to give dispose will or assigne to any person or persons (excepte bodie's politike and corporat) by his last will and testament in writing, or otherwise by any act or actes lawfully executed in his life by him selfe only, or by him selfe & other jointly severally or particularly, or by all those waies or any of them, as moche as in him of right is or shalbe, two partes as well of all the said manours landes tenementes rentes and hereditamentes, as of all and singular his other rentes and hereditamentes, or of any of them, or any rentes commons, or other profittes or commodities, out of or to be perceiued of the same two partes, or out of any parcel therof, in the partes to be devidid, or as moche therof, as shall ammounte to the full and cleere perely value of two partes therof, in the partes to be devidid, of what person or persons so ever they be holden, at his free wil and pleasure. And that by the auctorite afoze sayd, the said will so declared, shall be good and effectual for two partes of the said manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, al though the will so declared be made of the whole, or of more than of two partes of the same. The same devisioun to be made and set furth by the devisour or owners of the same manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes, by his last will in writing or otherwise in writing. And in default therof by a commission to be graunted out of the kinges court of the wardes and liveries, upon the inquiry of the true valu therof, by the othes of .xii. men, and returne or certificat therof had in the same court of the said manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, devisioun to be made by the maister of the wardes and liveries, if the maister of the wardes and liveries for the tyme being, & the parties therunto can not otherwise agree upon the same devisioun. And that the issues and profittes of the two partes of the same manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes upon every such devisioun, to be restozed to them, that shall have right or title to the same from the death of the owner or devisor therof.

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And further be it enacted and declared by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and singular person and persons, having a sole estate or interest in fee simple, or leased in fee simple, in coparcenary, or in common in fee simple of or in any manours landes tenementes rentes or other hereditamentes in possession reuersion or remainder, or of and in any rentes or seruices incident to any reuersion or remainder holden of the kyng, his heires, or successors, by knightes seruice, and not in chief, or holden of any other person or persons by knightes seruice, shall have full and free liberty power & auctoritie, to give dispose wyl or devise to any person or persons (except bodies polittike and corporat) by his last wyl and testament in wyting, or otherwise by any acte or actes lawfully executed in his lyfe by hym selfe only, or by hym selfe and other ioyntly severally, or particularly, or by all those wayes, or any of them, as moch as in him of right is or shalbe, two partes of al the said manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes; or any of them so holden by knightes seruice, or any rentes comon or other profittes or comodities, out of or to be perceyued of the same two partes, or out of any parcell therof, in thre partes to be deuided; or as moch therof, as shall amount to the full and clere verely value of two partes therof, in thre partes to be deuided, at his free wyl & pleasure. And that the said wyl so declared by auctoritie afoze said, shalbe good and effectuell for two partes of the saide manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, although the wyl so declared be or shalbe made of the whole landes & tenementes, so holden by knightes seruice, or of more than of two partes of the same. And also for the whole of al other such manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, or any of them, not holden of the kyng by knightes seruice in chief, or otherwise by knightes seruice, nor of any other person by knightes seruice. And of any rentes comons or other profittes or comodities, out of or to be perceyued of the same, or out of any parcell therof, at his free wyl and pleasure. The same deuision to be made and set forth by the owner of the saide manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, by his last wyl and testament in wyting, or otherwise in wyting. And in defaulte therof, for as moche of the same manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, as shall concerne the kinges interest, by commissiō to be directed out of the kinges court of the wardes and liueties, in maner and fourme as is afoze said, if the master of the wardes & liueties for the tyme beynge, and the parties therunto can not otherwise agree vpon the same deuision: And that restitution of the issues and profittes of the two partes therof, shalbe had and made in maner and fourme aboue sayd. And for such of the same manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, as shall concerne the interest of any other lord or lordes, by commissiō to be graunted out of the kinges court of the Chancery, to inquire therof by the othes of. xii. men, if the same lord or lordes, & the parties thereunto can not otherwise agree vpon the same deuision.

And be it further enacted and declared by auctoritie aforesaid, that the laupnges reseruinges and prouysions, concernynge laupng of the custodie warde,

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wardship reliefe and primer seafon to the kynge, of fuche manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, oꝛ as moche therof as ſhall apperteyn vnto hym by vertu of the ſaid former acte, and by the declaration & expoſitiō therof, declared by this preſent acte, duringe the kynges intereſt therein: And alſo of the cuſtodie and wardſhip to other lordes, of as moche of fuche manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes holden of them, as ſhall amount and extend to the clere perely valu of the thirde part therof, ouer & aboue all charges, with out any diminution oꝛ abridgement of the thirde part, oꝛ of the full profittes therof, compriſed and mentioned in diuers articles in the ſaid former acte cōteyned, by the auctoritie aforeſaid, be & ſhall be intended expoſided and taken, as hereafter enſuerh: That is to ſay, that the kynge ſhall haue and take for his full thirde part, of all fuche manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, wherunto he is oꝛ ſhalbe intituled by the ſaid former acte, and by this preſent acte, fuche manours landes and tenementes, as ſhall by any meanes deſcend, oꝛ come by diſcent, as well of eſtate of inheritance in fee tayl, as in fee ſimple, oꝛ in fee tayle only to the heire of any fuche perſon, that ſhall make any will, gift, diſpoſition, oꝛ deuſe by his laſt will in wrytinge, oꝛ by any acte oꝛ actes lawfully executed in his lyfe, immediately after the death of the ſame deuſour oꝛ owner therof. And that the wylly gift and deuſe of euery ſuch deuſour oꝛ owner, of and for the two partes of the ſaid manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes reſidue, ſhal by the auctoritie aforeſaid, be and ſtand good and effectually in the law, albeit the ſame will, gift, oꝛ deuſe be had and made of all his fee ſimple landes tenementes and hereditamentes, oꝛ of the moꝛe part therof. And in caſe the ſame manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, whiche after the death of any fuche owner oꝛ deuſour, whiche ſhall make any ſuch gift diſpoſition oꝛ deuſe by his laſt will in wryting oꝛ otherwiſe by any acte oꝛ actes lawfully executed in his lyfe, to his wiſe, children oꝛ otherwiſe, as is aforeſaid, whiche ſhall immediately after his death diſcend reuert remayne oꝛ come to his heire oꝛ heires, as well of eſtate of inheritance in fee tayl, as of eſtate in fee ſimple, oꝛ fee tayle onely, be not oꝛ ſhall not amount oꝛ extend to the full clere perely value of the full thirde part, with the full profittes therof, of all the ſaid manours landes tenementes oꝛ other hereditamentes, of the ſaid deuſour oꝛ owner, accoꝛdyng to the true intent and meaning of the ſaid former acte, and of this preſent acte: That than the king ſhall and may haue and take into his handes and poſſeſſiō, to make by his full thirde part, with the full pfittes therof, accoꝛdyng to his intereſt therein, as moche of the other manours landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes, wylled giuen diſpoſed oꝛ aſſigned by any ſuch perſon, to his wiſe children oꝛ otherwiſe, as is aforeſaide, as with fuche of the ſame manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes diſcended, oꝛ by any meanes come vnto the heire, as heire of any ſuch deuſour oꝛ owner, ſhall make by the clere perely valu of the ſaid full thirde part, with the full profittes therof, of all the ſaid manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, of euery ſuch owner

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manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes ben or ſhall be holden by
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¶ And be it further enacted, by the auctozitie afoze ſaid, that if it happen
the ſame thirde part, or any parte therof, left willed or aſſigned to the king
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part in clere perely value, after the rate & poztion of ſuch manours landes
tenementes and hereditamentes, as ſhall then happen to remayne of the
ſame thirde part, not deuicted or determined: And of the other two partes
of ſuch manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, as the kinge or
other lozde ſhulde or ought to haue had, by vertue of the ſaid former act, &
this pzeſent acte: and the ſame to be deuicted in maner and fourme aboue
reherſed, any claue in the ſaid former acte not withſtandynge.

¶ And be it further enacted and declared by the auctozitie afoze ſaid, that
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chiefe, or for fines for alienation, of ſuche manours landes tenementes or
hereditamentes, wherof there ſhall be any alteration of frehold or of inhe
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tes, or any of them, be or ſhall be gyuen diſpoſed willed or deuiced by any
ſuch laſt wyl, ſhalbe exonerated acquitted and diſcharged for euer agaynſt
the kyng, his heires and ſucceſſours, for all ſuch fines for alienations, by
any ſuch laſt wyl or teſtamēt, without licence by ſuing forth of the kinges
pardon for alienation out of the kinges court of Chauncery, paying to the
king, his heires or ſucceſſours, for the fine of enery ſuch alienation, the thirde
part of the perely value of the ſame manours landes tenementes, or other
hereditamentes, to him or the willed or deuiced: And this acte, fro tyme to
tyme ſhall be a ſufficient warrant to the lozde Chauncellour of England, or
keeper of the great ſeale, for the tyme being, for the graunting out of the ſaid
pardon or pardons, vnder the kinges great ſeale, as heretofore hath ben
uſed for pardons for alienations, without any further ſutte to be made to
the king for the ſame.

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And it is further declared and enacted, by the auctoritie afoze said, that wylles oꝝ testamētes, made of any manours landes tenementes oꝝ other hereditamentes, by any woman couert, oꝝ person within the age of .xxi. yeris, idiots, oꝝ by any person be non sane memoris, shall not be taken to be good oꝝ effectuell in the lawe.

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie afoze said, that if any person oꝝ persons, hauing a state of inheritaunce, of oꝝ in manours landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes, holden of the king by knightes seruice in chiefe oꝝ otherwise of the king by knightes seruice, oꝝ of any other person oꝝ persons by knightes seruice, haue gyven at any tyme sythen the .xx. daye of the said moneth of July, oꝝ hereafter shall gyue wylle deuise oꝝ assigne, by wylle oꝝ other acte executed in his lyfe, his manours landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes, oꝝ any of them, by fraude oꝝ coueine, to any other person oꝝ persons, for terme of yeris life oꝝ lites, with one remainder ouer in fee, oꝝ with dyuers remainders ouer for terme of yeris lyfe, oꝝ in taylor, with a remainder ouer in fee simple, to any person oꝝ personnes, oꝝ to his oꝝ theyꝝ righte hetres: oꝝ at any tyme sythen the said. .xx. daye of July, hath conueyed oꝝ made, oꝝ hereafter shall conuey oꝝ make by fraude oꝝ coueyne, contrary to the tole intent of this acte, any estates, condicions, menalties, tenures, oꝝ conueyaunces, to the intent to defraude oꝝ disceyue the kyng of his prerogatyue, pꝛimer seison, luerie releue, wardshipp, mariages, oꝝ rightes: oꝝ any other lorde of theyꝝ wardshipp, relieffes, hertottes, oꝝ other pꝛofettes, which shulde oꝝ ought to accrie growe oꝝ come vnto them oꝝ any of them, by oꝝ after the death of his oꝝ theyꝝ ternaunt, by force and accoꝝpyng to the foꝛmer estatute, and of this pꝛesent acte and declaration: and the same estates and other conueyaunces, beynge found by office to be so made oꝝ constituted by coueyne fraude oꝝ disceyte, as is abouesaid, contrarie to the true intent and meanyng of the said foꝛmer act, & of this acte: That then the king shal haue as well the wardshipp of the body, and custody of the lades tenementes and hereditamentes, as lꝛuery, pꝛimer seison, reliefe, and other pꝛofettes, whiche shulde oꝝ ought to apperteyne to the kinge, accoꝝpyng to the true intent and meanyng of the said foꝛmer acte, & of this pꝛesent acte, as though no such estates oꝝ conueyaunces by coueyne had neuer ben had oꝝ made, vntyl the said office be lausfully vndone by trauers, oꝝ otherwyle: And that the other lorde and lordes, of whome any such manours landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes shalbe holden by knightes seruice, as is afozesaid, shall haue theyꝝ remedy in suche cases, for his oꝝ theyꝝ wardshipp of bodie and landes, by wyte of right of ward, and shall disteyne & make auowry oꝝ conisaunce by them selves oꝝ theyꝝ baphtes, for theyꝝ relieffes, hertottes, and other pꝛofittes, which shulde haue be to them due, by oꝝ after the death of theyꝝ ternaunt, as if no suche estate oꝝ conueyaunce had be had oꝝ made. Sauynge and reseruing alwayes, by the auctoritie afozesaid, the right and title of the donees, feoffees, lessers, & pꝛeuisees therof against the said deuiseour and his heyyes, after the interest and title of the kyng oꝝ other

other lord therein ended and determined.

Woulded alwayes that this act explanation and declaration, or any of them, or any thyng in this said act explanation or declaration cōteined, shall not extend to the wyll or devise of sir John Gynnsford, late of Crowherst, in the county of Surrey, knyght deceased: Nor to the wyll or devise of sir Peter Filpot knyght deceased: Nor to the wil or devise of Richard Creswell, late of Waddingely, in the countie of South, gentylman deceased: Nor to the wyll or devise of Thomas Winton, late of the countie of Berke, gentylman deceased, sonne of sir Thomas Winton knyght, also deceased: or shall be in any wyse prejudiciall or hurtful to any person or persons, for or concernyng any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, cōteyned or especified in the sayd willes or devises, or in any of the, but that the said last willes and devises, and every of them, shall stande abyde remaine and be in the same case force and effecte in the lawe, to al intentes purposes and constructions, as the sayde last willes and devises, and every of them, were before the making of this act declaration or explanation, and of none other effect or force: this act declaratiō & explanation, or any of the, or any thing therein contained to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstanding.

Woulded alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide that all and every person and persons, from whom the kyng or other lord or lordes shall take any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes for his or their full thirde parte, or to make by his or their ful third part shall and may, by auctoritie of this present act, in any of the cases aforesayd upon his or their bill exhibited in the kinges courte of Chauncery, against al and every such person or persons, which shall be intituled by or vnder any such wyll gifte disposition or devise, to the other two partes, haue such contribution or recompence for the same, as by the Chancellour of England, or by the keeper of the grete seale of Englande for the tyme beinge, shall be thought good and convenient.

An act for the true makynge of pyntes. Cap. vi.



To auoide the sleighty and false makynge of pyntes which be dayly vented bittered & put to sale within this royaume, to the no lyttell hurt and damage of the kynges subiectes byers and occupiers of the same: Be it enacted by the kynges maiesty, the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, that no maner persō or persons from and after the first day of August now next comynge, shall vent bitter or put to sale by retail engrosse or otherwise, any maner of pyntes within this royaume, but onely such as shall be double headed & haue the heades souldered fast to the shank of the pynt, well smethed, the shanke well shauen, the poynt well and round filed canted and sharped, vpon payne that every offender in that behalf shall lose and

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and forfayt for every *℥*. of pynnes, not sufficiently wrought & made, ben-
ted bittered or put to sale contrary to the purpoyte of this acte. *xl. s.* the one
halfe of the sayd forfayture to be to the kynges maiestie, & the other halfe
to any his graces subiectes that wyl sue for the same, by byll playnte ac-
tion of *Det.* informacion, or other wyse in any court of recoorde, wherein the
defendant shal not wage his lawe, nor any esloynne pteccion or forein plea
allowed or admytted, any lawe, statute, or ordinaunce heretofore made to
the contrarie in any wyse notwithstandinge.

20 *℥* Doubted alwayes & the penaltie of the sayd forfayture shal onely ex-
tende to the bitterer & seller of the sayd pynnes, & not to the byer of them.
℥ Doubted alwayes & be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that no
person or persons shal sel any pynnes aboue the rate or pryces & they here-
tofore w^{thin} two yerres haue ben comenly sold at, vpon payne to forfayt. *vi. s.*
vi. d. for every *℥*. sold contrary to this prouision, the moerty of whych for-
fayture shal be to the kyng our souereygne lord, & the other moertye shal
be to him or the whych wyl sue for the same, by actio byl informacio, or other lue
in any the kyngs court of recoorde, in the which none esloynne pteccion or wa-
ger of lawe shalbe admitted or allowed. This acte to take effect fro the first
day of January next comyng, & to endure to & last day of & next p^{ar}lament.

℥ An acte to authoryse certein of the kynges maiesties counsaile
to set pryces vpon wyne to be solde by retayle. Cap. vii.

I *A* they most humble wyse shew vnto the kynges maiestie, the lordes
spiritual & tempozall, & the comons in thys present parlyament
assembled, the vinteners beyng only sellers & retaylours of wyne in al
cyties, boroughes and al other towines where repayre of people is, & to the
whiche the kynges subiectes do daylye resorte within thys realme of En-
glade, that where, in the. *xviii.* yere of & kynges maiesties most gratiois
regne, at & parlyament holden at westmynster: It was amongst other
good statutes enacted, that no maner of persons shulde sel by retayle any
Gascogne, Gison, or Frenche wyne, aboue epyght pens the gallon, that
is to saye, a peny the pynthe, two pence the quarte, foure pens the pottle, &
epyght pence the gallon, vpon payne to forfayt for every pynthe sold contrary
to the acte. *iii. pens.* every quart epyght pens, every pottle. *xii. pens.* and e-
very gallon. *ii. s.* And that malmespes, comnepes, sackes, nor other swete
wyne shulde be solde by retayle aboue. *xii. pens* the gallon, *ix. pens* the
pottle, *thre pens* the quart, *thre halpens* the pynthe, vpon payne to forfayt
for every gallon solde contrary to that acte. *iii. s.* *iii. pens.* for every pottle
ix. d. for every quart. *xii. pens.* and for every pynthe, *ix. pens.* as in the same
acte moze playnly is declared. Neuertheles it was prouided in the sayd acte
that the lord Chauncelour, lord Treasurer, lord Prersident of the kynges
counsaile, lord, Pryuie seale, and the two chiefe Justices, *four.* *four.* or
thre of them, shal haue auctorite and power, by their discretions, to set
the pryces of all kynde of wyne, that is to saye, the butte, tonne, pype,

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hogeshead, puncheon, teers, barrell, or rundelet, whan it shalbe solde in
grosse: So that þe same pybles lympted, be wytten & openly proclammed
as in the sayd act it is lykwysse conteyned. Syth the makynge of whiche
act such psons as dyd retaple wynes within the sayde cyties, borowghes,
townes, & other places whin this realme, bought of the best wynes of Gas
con for. iiii. li. xlii. s. liii. d. the tonne at the most, of the best frenche wynes
for. iiii. li. the tonne, malmeseyes, for. iiii. li. s. but, bastardes, iiii. li. vi. s. viii
pens the pype, sakes and comneyes for fyue markes the butte at the most
The caskes or vessels conteynyng the same wyne, beyng ful gauged
so þe upon the retaplyng therof agayne, they myghte sell the same wyne
at the pyces lympted in the sayde acte, and had competent luynges for
them, theyr wyues, chyliden, samplly and housholde. Syth which tyme þe
sayd retaplours of wyne ca not hve any good Gascon wyne, onles they
do pay to the marchant for the same after the rate of. vii. or viii. li. sterling
the tonne at the least, and euery tonne of frenche wyne, sex ponde ster
lynges at the least, malmeseyes for. v. li. the butte, sakes and comneyes
iiii. li. x. s. the butte, bastardes, v. ponde the pype, or fyue ponde sex shyl
lynges epght pens. And where the pype of bastarde shulde conteyne as
much as doth the sake but, the same pype doth want of the same content
twenty gallons at the least, & yerely wanteth moze & moze. And also where
the malmesey butte shulde conteyne as much as the butte of sake shulde
do, the malmesey but lykwysse wanteth of his true content. xii. or xvi. gal
lons. And albeit the byers of the sayd wyne may, by the sayd act of par
lyament, allowe them selues vppon the payment of theyr money for the
same: yet the marchaunt in no wyse wyl sell his wyne/ onles the byers
do indent, promyse, and couenaunt with the sayde marchaunt, or other
wyse bynd them selfe, that they shal take none aduantage of the sayd act
of gaging: for all whiche causes your supplantes can not sell and re
taple the sayd kyndes of wyne, at suche pyple and pybles, as is in the sayd
acte expessed, and lye vppon the same, but be thereby betterly impoue
ryshed and vndone, onles other remedye by thys hyghe courte be for the
reformacyon therof spedely prouyded. In tender consyderacyon wherof
the pmysses consyderynge, and also for that the wyne called Mus
kadelles is reputed and taken for swete wyne, and ought to be retapled at
suche pyce as other wyne, called swete wyne, be mencioned in the sayd
acte, the sayde retaplor can nat hve that kynde of wyne, vnder fyftene or
sextene ponde the tonne. for reformacyon wherof it may please the kyn
ges hyghnes, and the lordes spyrual and temporal, and the commons in
thys presente parlyament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same,
that it may be enacted and establisshed, that suche lordes, as by the
sayde former acte, haue auctorite and power to sette pyces of wyne
in grosse, shal by vertue and force of thys Acte, haue the same auc
torite to mpygate, and enhaunce the pyce of wyne, hereafter to be
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be sold by retail as often as tyme and occasion shall require: any thing
in the said former acte conteyned to the contrary therof not withstanding.
Whiche said prices, oꝛ discounts, after proclamation thereof made, to be
observed and kept, upon paine of penaltie in the same proclamations co-
nteyned. The moity of all which penalties to be to the kyng our soueraigne
lord, and the other moity to the parties that will sue for the same in any of
the kynges courtes of refoꝛme by bill, plaint, oꝛ information: in the which
no waige of law, essone, oꝛ pteccion, shalbe allowed. This acte to endure
to the ende of the next parliament.

**An acte that perſons beyng no common Surgeons may miniſter
outwarde medicines.** Cap. viii.

Vhere in the parliamēt holden at Westm, in the .lii. yere of the kin-
ges most gracious reigne, amongst other thiges for the aduoiding
of sorceries, witchcraftes, & other inconuenientes, it was enacted, that no
person within the cite of London, noꝛ within, vij. miles of the same, shoulde
take vpon him to exercise & occupie as phisician oꝛ surgion, except he be
first examined approued & admitted by the bishop of London & other, bn-
der & vpon certain peines & penalties in the same act mencioned. Sithens
the making of which said act, the company & felowship of surgions of Lo-
don, inſindig onely thei owne lucres, & nothing the profit oꝛ ease of the
diseased oꝛ patient, haue sued, troubled, & vexed, diuers honest persons, as
wel men as women, whom god hath endued with the knowlege of the na-
ture, kind, & operation of certain herbes, rootes, and waters, & the vsing
and miniſtring, of them to such as ben peined with customable diseases:
as womens brestes being soze, a pyn & the web in the eye, vnicomes of han-
des, scaldinges, burninges, soze mouthes, the stone, strangury, sandelike, &
moxew, and such other like diseases. And yet the said persons haue not ta-
ken any thing for their peines oꝛ cunning, but haue miniſtered the same to
the poore people only for neyghbournhode & goddes sake, & of pitie & chari-
tie. And it is now wel known, that the surgions admitted wol do no cure
to any person; but where they shall know to be rewarded with a greater
lumme oꝛ reward than the cure extendeth vnto, for in case they wolde mi-
niſter their cunning to soze people vnrewarded, there shulde not so many
rotte, and perishe to death for lacke of helpe of surgery as dayly do: but
the greatest part of surgions admitted ben much moze to be blamed, than
those personnes that they trouble. for althoughe the most part of the per-
sons of the said craſte of surgions haue small cunning, yet they wyl take
great sommes of money, & do litle therfoze, and by reason therof they do
often times impare and hurt their patientes, rather than do them good.
In consideration wherof, and for the ease, comfort, succour, helpe, relief, &
weith of the kinges poore subiectes, inhabitants of this his realme, now
peined oꝛ diseased, oꝛ that hereafter shalbe peined oꝛ diseased, be it ordey-
ned established and enacted, by the auctorite of this present parliament,

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that at all tymes from henceforth it shal be lesul to euery person beinge the kynges subiect, hauing knowledge & experyence of þe nature of herbes, rotes, & waterys, oꝝ of the operation of the same, by speculation oꝝ practyse within any part of the realme of Englande, oꝝ within any other the kynges domynions, to practyse, vse a minister in & to any outward soꝝe, vncow, wound, apostematyons, outwarthe swelling oꝝ dyscase, any herbe oꝝ herbes, oynement, bathes, pultes & emplaisters, accordyng, to their conyng, experyence & knowlege in any of the dyscasses soꝝes & maladies before sayde, & all other like to the same, oꝝ dyntkes soꝝ the stone stranguery oꝝ agues, without lute, veration, trouble, penalte oꝝ losse of theyꝝ goodes, the foꝝsayde statute in the foꝝesaid. iii. yere of the kynges most gracious reigne; oꝝ any other acte, ordynauce oꝝ statute to the contrary hereof, heretofore made, in any wyse notwithstandinge.

CAn acte for the preseruacion of the ryuer of Seuerne. Cap. ix.

Vwhere diuers persons, aswell inhabitauntes fermers and dwellers nere vnto the streame of Seuerne, & vnto þe crikes & pilles of þe same, fro Kingrode hyward towarde þe cite & towne of Gloucester, cōueith & carieth graine & coyne out of þe realme of Englad, vnto þe parties beyonde the sea, where graines are very dere, & now of late tyme haue made picardys & other great botes, w̄ foꝝe mases, of the burden of. lxx. ton, & so to. xxvii. ton. And by reason therof, wheate, rye, beanes, barley, malte, & other kinde of graines by stealth are couēted into the better pries beyonde the sea, so þe thet by the kynges maiestie is nat only decetued of his subside & custome for þe same, but it causeth at such tymes wheate graine & other kind of coyne, as is afoꝝesayd, to be at hygher pries. And by þe same meanes the inhabitauntes within þe sayde cite oꝝ towne of Bristoll, are often and sundry tymes destitute, & haue may haue graine oꝝ coyne to serue the kynges obedience subiectes there dwelling & inhabiting. And also by reason of hauing of þe saide great botes & vessels, oftentimes diuers shippes, aswel of þe parties beyonde the sea, as other of englishe shippes, lyng, in Kingrode & Hungrode, being portes oꝝ hauens of the cite oꝝ towne of Bristoll afoꝝesayde, distaunt. v. miles oꝝ thereabout from the said towne of Bristoll, awaiting & taryng there, the cōmyng of þe saide great botes w̄ coyne & graine downe Seuerne, who there dischargith the graine & coyne aboꝝde þe said ships at Kingrode. By reason wherof þe said ships & other vessels, there taryng for the receipte of þe said graine & coyne, do then cast out their balast of stones & other robul of balaste of thet said shippes & vessels, into the said robes & hauens of Hungrode & Kingrode, & there lodith the said graine oꝝ coyne in the shippes & vessels, to the great distruction, & in cōtinuance to thutter vndoing of the said robes and hauens. So that the mouth & hole channell of the said hauen is so heaped and quarded with stones and robull of balastes of the shippes and botes there actiuinge, that great ships, whiche blyeth

Sheth the course of marchandise to the said towne of Byistol from the parties beyond the sea, & fro the said towne laden with marchandise vnto the viter parties, may scantly & sauely come vnto the kinges said poyers and towne of Byistol and the river of the same, and so from the sayd poyte and towne of Byistol vnto the sayd Seuerne, without great daunger & peril. And by that meanes Shippes of great bouden are lyke to be distroied and vnterly to be cast away, & yf redyes be nat the soner had therein, it wyl be to the viter distruction of the haven & poyt of p said towne of Byistol, which said towne of Byistol is chieflly mainteyned by course of marchandise.

Wherfore it may please the kynges maiesty, the lordes spiritual & temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, to enact make and ordeyne, that after the last day of July next comyng, no mayster or masters, owner or owners of Shyp or Shypes, or of any other bote or vessel, or any other person or persons do cast or unlode theyr balast or robul at or in the said rode called Kingrode and Hungrode nor in any of them, ne in any other place fro the rode of Kyngrode vnto p towne of Byistol, nor in no parte of the haven therof, but on the land only aboue the ful sea marke, vpon peyn that euery such owner maister of Shyp or of other bote or vessel, and of euery other person or persons, casting and laying theyr balast or robul in the streme, at the place or in the ryuer afoze sayd, to forsaite at euery tyme so offending, iiii. s. the one halfe therof to be to our soueraign lord the king, and the other halfe therof to the partie p wyl sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes of recozde, as wel within courtes of recozde within cities and townes corporat, befoze the maite aldermen shiriffes & balliffes accordyng to theyr corporation, as els where in any the kyngs courtes of recozde, by hyl plaint action of dette informacion or othertwile, in the which action the defendant shal nat wage his law, neyther yet no protection or essoine to be allowed.

And further that it may be enacted by the auctorite afoz said, that no person or persons from henceforth shal enbote or lade, or cause to be enboted or laden, any wheate malte benes or any other kind of grayne or cozne, what to euert it shalbe, in any picard bote or other vessel, as any creke pyl banke or els where vpo the Seuerne streme, betwene the heu of the city of Gloucester & the said city or towne of Byistol by water of Seuerne, to thynct to be transpoyted into viter parties beyond the sea out of the kinges dominion befoze p the said owner or lader of the said picard bote or other vessel, hath ben with the kinges customers of the said towne of Byistol, & there by him selfe & one sufficient surety to him, bounden vnto the kinges customers of p said poyt & towne of Byistol afoz said, in suche resonable sumes of money, to p vie of our sayd soueraign lord p king, as shal amount to p double value of p said grain or cozne there to be laden or to be enboted, vpo condicion p p said owner or master of p said picard or bote or other vessel shal nat repair nor transpoyt the said corn or grain, nor no part therof into any viter parties beyond the sea out of p kinges dominion, befoze p said master owner therof

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shall come and bringe the sayd graine and cozne vnto the kepe of the sayd towne of Bristol and there to be viewed or sene the contentes therof, and the contentes therof to be declared vnto the kyngs customers & to the maire of the saide towne for the tyme beinge, if there be any suche licence or lawfull cause for to conuey or tranpoyt graine or cozne into the parties beyond the sea out of the saide kynges dominion, there to be measured & mette by the comon measure of the said towne. And after the saide obligation with condicion so made sealed and deliuered vnto the said costomer: Then the saide customer shal deliuer a sufficient cockette vnto the partie owner or owners, or maister so bounden to conuey the sayde grayne or cozne vnto the kepe of Bristoll, vpon payne that euery ppcarde bote or other vessell so laden with graine or other kynde of cozne, to be carped or transported in to the better parties beyng the sea out of the kynges dominion, to be forsaite, as well the sayde cozne and graine so laded, as the sayde bote so laden contrary vnto this present acte, wherof the kyng our souerayne lord to haue the thre partes therof, and the partie that wyl sue for the same the fourth parte, befoze the kynges most honorable counsaile accordinge to the kynges proclamacion in that behalfe made and provided.

And further be it enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that if it shall appere vpon the measurynge therof, vnto the maire of the sayd towne of Bristol, & to the kynges customers then for the tyme being, that there is moze cozn or graine loded to be transported into the pries beyond the sea, within any of the said vessels botes pickardes or trowes, ouer and aboue foure quarters: that than it shalbe lefull vnto the sayde maire and customers there for the tyme being, to cause the owner or coueter therof vnto the said towne of Bristol, to make sale of such cozne and graine, as shal be brought ouer and aboue the contentes of the said cocket or licence, and ouer and aboue foure quarters belide the cocket or licence, accordinge as the pries of such graine and cozne are cominonly woxthe ad solde in the open market of the said towne of Bristol. The saide comon meater to haue for the measuring of euery wape of cozne. ii. d. on peine of euery person, being owner of the said graine or cozne, or hauing the charge of the same, denyng the measuring of the saide graine at the said kepe of Bristol, to lose and forsaite for euery tyme so denyng. v. li. the one halfe therof to be to oursaid soueraigne lord the king, & the other halfe therof to be to the partie that wyl sue for the same in any court of recorde, by action of dette information or other wyse: In the whiche action the defendaunt shall not wage his lawe, nor protection nor essoine allowed.

And be it also enacted by auctorite abouesayd, that no person or persons after the fyrst day of August next coming, do cast or vnlade out of any manner of ship, scaper, or any other vessel, being within any haven rode channel or ryuer, flowing or running to any port towne, or to any city borough or towne within this realme, or any other the kynges dominions, any manner of balast rubbish grauel or any other wacke or fylth, but onely vpon the

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the lande above the full sea marke, upon payne that every person and persons, offending this act, to lose & forfeit for every tyme so offendyng, fyve poundes, the one halfe to the king our soueraigne lord, & the other halfe therof, to suche person and persons, as wyl sue for the same, by hyl plainte original wryt or information in any the kings courtes of recorde, in which action or suite no wager of lawe shal be admitted, nor any eskoine or protection allowed.

An acte for the true making of Couerlettes in Yorke. Cap. i.

Where as the cytie of Yorke, beyng one of the aunclent & greatest cyties within the realme of Englad, afore this tyme hath ben mainteyned and byholden by dyuers and sundry handycraftes there vled, and mooste principally by makynge and weuyng of couerlettes and couerpynges for beddes, and there by a great number of the inhabitantes and poze people of the said city suburbs therof and other places within the countie of Yorke, haue ben dayly set on worke, in spynnyng carding dilynge weuyng, & otherwysely concernyng the making of them, to the great commoditee of the inhabitantes and poze people of the sayd city, hauyng thereby honest liuynges, and nat made els where in any parte of the same countie. For the true substantiall & perfect making wherof, many good and benefical ordinaunces and orders haue ben deuised and made, as wel for the good stufte concernyng the said couerlettes and couerpynges, as also for the length and bredth of them and other wyle: of the which couerlettes and couerpynges the best sort shuld & ought by the same ordinaunces, to contene in lengthe, .iii. pades, and in bredth .ii. pades, and a quarter at the least. The second sort to contene in lengthe .iii. pades and in bredth .ii. pades. And the lowest or thyrde sort shuld conteyn .ii. pades and a halfe in lengthe, & in bredth one pade and .iii. quarters, vnder paine of forfeiture of the same, the one halfe and moitey of the sayd forfeiture to be to the maire and commonalte of the said city, and the other moitey to be to the wardens and company of the said handycrafte of couerlet makers. And for as moche as the same couerlettes & couerpynges were wel and substantially made and wrought, the kinges subiectes of diuers parties of this realme, and also straungers of other fozein realmes, knowyng the goodnes of them, were very desirous to haue and bye þe said couerlettes and couerpynges: And now of late diuers and sundry puel disposed persons appretices nat expert in the same occupation, withdrawyng them selves out of the said cytie of Yorke into the countie of Yorke, and other places theraboutes, and also diuers other persons, inhabiting in villages and townes within the sayd countie, and nigh to the same, entermedlynge with the same craft or occupation, hauyng lyttel experiēce therein, not being bounde to the sayd rules and ordinaunces, do dayly make couerlettes and couerpynges, neithur of good stufte nor of good assise length or bredth, and

and for the bittere of the same, vse daily the craft & subtiltie of haukyng
abzode in þe countrey, to villages & to mēs houses, putting þe same naugheþ
ware to sale secretly, not onely to þe great impouerishyng of the inhabitañ
tes of the saide cite, & also to the great disceit of the kinges true and faith-
full subiectes, byng the said couerlettes, to the great defamyng & sclan-
der of the said handycraft, but also to the impouerishyng of þe inhabitan-
tes of þe said cite, & bitter decay of the same, if remedy þe sooner herin be not
prouided. It may therfoze please our soueraigne lord the king, with the
assent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, & of the commons in this pre-
sent parliament assembled, that it may be enacted, by the auctorite of the
same, that no maner of person nor persons, dwelling & inhabityng with-
in the said countie of York, or nigh vnto the same, shal after the feast of
saint Michael tharchaungel nexte commyng, make any couerlettes or co-
ueringes, to be put to sale, onlesse suche person or persons, after the sayde
feast, be inhabityng or dwelling within the city of York, or within þe sub-
urbes of the same, vpon peine of forsaiture of euery suche couerlet or co-
uering, made wrought & put to sale, contrary to the tenour of this estatute,
or the valu therof.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the sayd auctorite, that no maner of per-
son or persons, of the occupation or handycraftes men, of coueringes or
couerlet makers, dwelling wthin the sayd cite of York, or the suburbs of
the same or els where within the sayd countie, shal from and after the said
feast, vse the sayde craft of haukyng, or go as haubers, or put to sale any
couerlettes in any other place or places, out of the said cite and lyberties
therof, but only in the open markettes and fayres, vpon peine of forsaiture
of the same couerlettes and couerynges, or þe value therof: The one halfe
of the said forsaitures, if it be in any cite borough or towne corporate, to
be to the maire and communalte bailiffe gouernour or other ruler, and co-
mmunalte of euery such cite borough or towne corporate, auctorised to haue
the same by grant or prescription, or otherwys lawfully: & the other halfe
therof to suche person or persons, as shall lease or sue for the same by bill
plaine action information or otherwise in any court of recorde, wher-
in no wager of lawe dilatorie plea or protection shal be allowed or admit-
ted. And if the said forsaiture happen to be taken or founde out of any the
said citie townes or boroughes, hauing no suche auctorite: then the one
moitie of the said forsaiture to be to our souerain lord the king, his heires
and successours; and the other moitie to such person and persons, as will
sue for the same, in any of the kynes courtes in fourme aforesayde.

¶ And be it also enacted, by the auctorite aforesayde, that the wardens
and serchers of the said occupation and handycraft of couerlettes & co-
ueringes makers, within the said cite of York, for the tyme beinge, and
their successours, shal after the said feast of saint Michael, haue full po-
wer & auctorite, by vertue of this acte, to make serche in al faires & mar-
kettes, sit & rent northwarde within this realme of England, for al such
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couterlets and coueringes, as shalbe put to sale, nat being wel and sufficiently wrought, & made of sufficient stufte, or nat containing the assies before limited & expessed, according to the tenor of this acte, and so seale & take the same as forsaith. The one moyle and halfe of suche forsaithure, if any shalbe out of þe sayd cities, boroughes or townes corporate, to be to our soveraigne lord the king, & the other moyle therof to the sayd serchers and wardens, that shall seale and take the same: to be had and recovered in lyke maner and forme, as is afore rehearsed.

Considered also, that it shalbe lawful to every person and persons, dwelling within the countie of York, at theyr free will and pleasure at all tymes hereafter, to make couterletes, of what assise, or of what so ever stufte they will for theyr owne use or use of theyr householdes, or for the lordes, to whom they be tenants: So alwayes that the same couterletes so made, shal nat be put to sale. And also that when and as often as the said serchers or wardens of the occupation of couterlet makers of the said countie of York, shall make serche in any libertie or franchises within the said countie, for any the causes in the sayde acte mentioned: That then & so often they shal require the head officer of the same libertie and franchises, or his deputie, to be aying and assisting, and also to go with them to make the said serch. And if the same officer or his deputie, upon request so made, refuse or wyl nat so do, that then upon such demall and refusell, the same serchers or wardens, to make serch them selves: any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary natwithstanding.

Considered also, that the lordes of the said libertie & franchises, where any suche serches shalbe made by auctorite of this acte, shal have such fyenes and forsaithures, as of right they ought to have, by reason of any such serches, in as large & ample maner, as they ought have had the same before the making of this acte; & as if this acte had never ben had nor made.

Con acte for the true making of ffrises and Cottons in Wales. Cap. xi.

For as moch as the inhabitants clothmakers, that dwell within the townes and boroughes of Caermertyn Shire, Cardigan Shire, and Pembroke Shire, have bled in tymes past to make theyr cloth, called welsh ffrise, and Cotton called welsh cotton, to the great profit of all the kinges subiectes of this realme, that is to say, every pece called a high ffrise rawe, shulde be made of. liiii. li. yarne, and shulde contene in length. xlii. yarde, and in bredth one yarde one quarter: & every halfe pece high ffrise, shulde wey. xxvii. li. & contene in length. xlii. yardes rawe, & in bredth one yarde one quarter. And þe every pece cotton shulde wey, beinge rawe. lxxviii. li. of haberdoppe, & contene in length. xliiii. yardes, & in bredth. v. quarters i. nael, wour any straining. And þe every half pece cotton shuld wey. xxxiii. pounde, & contene in length. xliiii. yardes, & in bredth. v. quarters & i. nael,

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Whiche true and good makinge of ffrises and Cottons hath ben of longe time decayed and extinguished, and yet is, to the great decay and ruine of all the said towne and boroughes, and also to the great schaunder and hinderance of al good true clothiers, inhabiting within the same, and also to the great hurt and prejudice of al the kinges subiectes, which do be the same. And the principal grounde and occasion thereof is, that the Clothiers, Tuckers, Wrauers, & such other, that were wont to inhabite within the saide towne and boroughes, and there to make true ffrises and cottons, both in length and bredth, be now come fozeinners, husbandmen and Gualiers, dwelling in the countrey out of the said towne of Caermarthin, Cardigan, and Pembroke, and other borough townes, aforesaide: and there to make their own wolles in ffrises and Cottons, after the most false and deceitfull manner, that may be, and the same do carie from place to place, to be solde, to the great discrette and hinderance of all the kinges loving subiectes, and to the great schaunder of all true cloth makers within al the said towne and boroughes. For remedie and reformation whereof, Be it enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same: that after the first day of June next coming, which shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M. CCC. XLIII. no manner of person within the saide thre shires of Caermarthin, Cardigan, & Pembroke, do make any raw ffrise, called welsh ffrise, or any cottons, called welsh cottons to be sold in any faire and market, or els where in any other place, oulesse euery pece ffrise, called a high ffrise raw, be made of sene wolles, without flore of thorn, weying in yarne. liii. li. of haberdopple, at the least, and conteyning in length. xvi. yardes rawe, and in bredth one yarde oue quarter. And that euery halfe pece ffrise high, shal wey. xxvi. li. and conteyne in length. xlii. yardes, and in bredth one yarde one quarter. And that euery pece cotton rawe, shal wey. lxxiii. li. of yarne at the least, without flore of thorn, and conteyn in length. xlii. yardes, & in bredth one yerd one quarter & one nael. And that euery half pece cotton shal wey. xlii. li. of yarne without flore of thorn, & conteyne in length. xlii. yardes, & in bredth li. quarters & one nael, upon peyn to forfaiture euery pece & halfe pece ffrise: and euery pece cotton, & half pece cotton, so put to sale contrary to the true meanyng intent and purpose of this present acte: The one halfe of which forfaiture to be to the king our soueraigne lord, and the other halfe to hym & them, that will sue for the same in any of the kinges courttes, where in no essone wager of lawe, nor protection shalbe allowed.

And provided alwey, that this acte shall take effecte, after the feast of the purification of our Ladie next comminge, and wat before. Forasmuch

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An acte for paupnge of lanes and stretes in
London and Westmynster. Cap. xii.



As much as the strete, called whyte crosse strete, & the strete called Cheshwell strete, leadyng from whyte crosse strete, vnto þe hyghe way, leadyng to Doregate, the lane called Goldyng lane, & the strete called Scrubstet, in the parisshe of S. Gyles without Crepulgate: The strete called Goswell strete, in the parisshe of saynt Botulphes without Aldersgate: the lane called Longe lane, beyng in the parisshe of saynt Botulphe without Aldersgate, and saynt Sepulchres without Newgate: The strete called saynt Johis strete, leadyng from the barres of Smythfeld, vp to the ponde at the corner of the wall, extēdyng along the hygh way, leadyng to Illyngton: And also the strete from the sayd barres to Colwicke: The lane called water lane in flete-strete, in the parisshe of S. Bide & S. Dunstane, leadyng downe to Thames: the way ledyng without temple barres westwarde, by & vnto Clemētys Inne gates, & new Inne gates, to Dretwy place in the countie of Mydd, And also one lytle lane, stretchyng from the sayd way, to the sygne of the bell at Dretwy lane ende, and the cōmon hyghe way, leadyng throughe a certeyne place, called petre fraunce, from the barres of the west ende of Cotehill strete of Westmynster, in the countie of Mydd, vnto the vicer-most parte of the west ende of the sayde place, called petre fraunce: the strete or hyghe way leadyng from bysshops gate, to & aboue Shordych church, and the bydge called Strond bydge, and the way leadyng from the same bydge, towarde Temple barre: And the lane called foxske lane, from the garden and tenement of the bysshop of Lychfelde, and the gardens and tenementes, called the bell & pꝛoctours, downe to Stronde bydge, be very foule and ful of pyttes and sloughes, very peryllous and noyouse, as well for all the kynges subiectes, thozoughe and by them repayng and passyng, as well on horse backe as on fote, as also with carpage, and very necessarpe to be kept cleane, for the auoydynge of corrupte fauours and occasyon of pestylence. For the amendement and refozmatton wherof it may please the kīnges hyghnes, with thassent of the lordes spiritual and tempoꝛall, & of his cōmons in thys hys hyghe court of parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that it may be ordeyned, establyshed, and enacted, that all and euery person and persons bodyes polyticque and corpoꝛate, which now haue, or at any tyme hereafter shall haue any landes, tenementes, or other hereditamētes, in fee symple, fee taylor, for tene of lyfe, for terme of yeres, or by reason of the wardshipp of any heyre durynge the nonage of þe same heyre, or by execution by wyte of Elegit, or for any estatut estaple, lyng & beyng adioynng to þe for sayd stretes lanes and wayes, or any of them, shal on this syde the feast of saynt Myghel tharchangel, which shalbe in the yere of our lord god M. cccc. xliii, wel & sufficiently paue or cause to be paued, with good paupng stones

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stones, all and euery parte of the sayd stretes lanes and other the premis-
ses befoze expessed, euery man such parte and quantite of the same lanes
stretes and wayes, vnto the myddes of them and euery of them, in length
and breadyth, as hys oꝝ their lādes oꝝ tenementes do lye oꝝ extende in lyke
maner and foꝛme, as the stretes and lanes within the cytie of London
be paued, with causes oꝝ canels in the myddes of the same stretes, lanes, &
wayes, as shalbe thought most necessary and conuenient, vpon payne e-
uery person in hys owne default, to foꝛsaite foꝛ euery yarde square of the
same stretes, lanes & wayes & euery of the, not sufficiently paued, befoze
the feast of saynt Myghel. xii. pens. And that all and euery suche persons
hauynge oꝝ which hereafter shal haue lādes oꝝ tenementes in fee symple,
fee tayle, oꝝ foꝛ terme of lyfe oꝝ otherwyle as is aforesayde, adtoꝛnyng oꝝ
lyenge to and nexte epyther syde of the same stretes, lanes & wayes, oꝝ any
of them, they, heyrres, assignes, oꝝ succellours, after & from the sayd feast
of saynt Myghel, shall yerely mayntayne and repayze the same pauemē-
tes and euery of them, ouer agaynst hys sayde landes and tenementes,
well and suffyciently from tyme to tyme, as often and whan as nede shal
requyze at al tymes hereafter with pauynge stone, vpon peyne to foꝛsaite
foꝛ euery yarde square, not sufficiently paued, xii. pens, as often as any
suche default of any pson shalbe pꝛesented befoze the Justices of peace with
in the sayd countye of Mydd, foꝛ that part of the sayd stretes, lanes and
wayes beyng within the sayd countye of Mydd. And befoze the mayze, &
the aldermen oꝝ Justices of the peace, within the cytie of Lodon, foꝛ that
whiche is within the lyberties of the sayde cytie.

And be it enacted by the auctoꝛyte aforesayde, that the sayde Justices
of peace, within the sayd countye of Mydd, foꝛ the tyme beyng, shal haue
full power and auctoꝛyte, to enquiry in euery their quarter sessyons, to be
kepte after the sayde feast of saynt Myghel, by the othes of twelue men
of the sayd countye, as well of them that haue not paued such part oꝝ poꝛ-
cyon of the sayd stretes, lanes, wayes & euery of them, beyng within the
sayd countie, ouer agaynst & alonge vnto the myddes of the same stretes
lanes, and wayes, as they landes and tenementes do lye oꝝ extende, as
also of suche persons as haue ben remysse and negligent in amendynge &
repayynge the same stretes, lanes, and wayes, from tyme to tyme as nede
shall requyze, accordynge to the meanyng of this act.

And be it also enacted by the auctoꝛyte aforesayd, that ʒ sayd Justices
of peace, within the sayde countye of Mydd, foꝛ the tyme beyng, within
their iurisdiction, shal haue full power and auctoꝛyte by theire discretions,
to amerce and set fynes vpon suche persons, as shalbe remysse negligent,
oꝝ make default in ʒ obseruynge of the tenour of this act. And ʒ the sayd
Justices of peace, within the sayd countye of Mydd; oꝝ the mayze and al-
dermen & Justices of peace of the sayd cytie of Lodon, at any their quar-
ter sessyons, after the sayd feast of saynt Myghel, to be holden and kepte
within the sayd countye of Mydd, by the Justices of peace of the same coun-
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the: or þe maire aldermen & Justices of peare of þe said cite of London, at any their quarter sessions, or enquestes of wardencie, kept within the said cite of London, be negligent & remisse on their parties, to charge by the othe of. xii. men such persons, to find & present þe said defaultes & negligences of all persons offending, contrary to þe meaning of this act: then þe said Justices of peare within the said countie of Midd, beinge present at the same quarter sessions, to lose and forfeit for every tyme so neglecting the same charge. C. s. And likewise the maire aldermen and Justices of peare of London, to lose and forfeite for every like defaulte and neglecting. C. s.

And be it furthe enacted by þe said auctoritie, þe the clerke of peare of the said countie of Midd, for þe tyme being, shall from tyme to tyme, certifie into the kinges Eschequer, as wel all such fines & forfeitures, so assessed within the said countie, lost & forfeited before the said Justices in Midd, to the vse of the kinges highnes & his heires, And þe barons of þe said Eschequer to make out proces by distresse to be take & leuied upon þe said landes and tenementes, or other wise by their discretions, as well for the said fines assessed, as also for the said forfeitures & penalties before limited. And if þe clerke of the peare within the said countie of Midd, be remisse & negligent in making such certifiat, or doing his dutie according to this acte: then the same clerke to lose & forfeite for every such defaulte. b. l. The one half therof to be to the vse of the kinges highnes, & the other halfe to any of the kinges subiectes, that woll sue for the same in any of the kinges courttes, by bill, action, informatiō, or other wise: wherein no wage of law, escoine, or protection, shall lie for the defendant.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, þe the maire aldermen & Justice of peare within the said cite of London & suburbs of þe same, or. iiii. of them, wherof the maire to be one, by vertue of this act, shall haue full power & auctoritie, from tyme to tyme, to set fines & amerciamentes of all a singuler person & persons, for not pauing & repairing of any of the said stretes, lanes, or high wayes, within the said citie & liberties of þe same, which now be pauid, or hereafter shalbe by force of this acte, pauid: & the same fines & amerciamentes to be leuied by distresse plaint, or action within the saide cite, by the chamberleine of the said cite for the tyme being, to the vse of the maire and cominaltie of the saide cite and their successors, as other fynes and amerciamentes for any other matter or cause within the sayd cite haue ben used and accustomed.

Provided alwayes, þe if any the inhabitantes of such lades or tenementes do sufficiently repaire & pauce before their mansions & dwelling places, the said stretes, lanes, & high wayes: that then every such inhabitant, by force of this act, shall defalke, abate, & retaine in his handes, as moche of rent due to his lessour, as he can pprove to haue expended in and about the same paupnge & repairing: and the lessour for so moche money, as such summe doth amount unto, to haue no action recente nor other remedy for none paymet of the same, onles it shalbe otherwise agreed betwene them.

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An acte for knyghtes and burgesles to haue places in the parliament
for the countie Palatine and citie of Chester. Chap. xiiij.



Most humble wyse shewen vnto your most excellent
maiestie, thynhabitauntes of your graces countie Pa-
latine of Chester, that were the said countie Palatine
of Chester is and hath ben alwayes hitherto, exempt,
excluded and separated out and from your high court
of parliamente, to haue any knyghtes, and burgesles
within the sayde court: By reason wherof the sayde
inhabitauntes haue hitherto susteyned manifolde dysherisours losses and
damages, as well in their landes goodes and bodyes, as in the good
civile and politike gouernance and mayntenaunce of the common welth
of their sayde countie. And for as moche as the sayde inhabitauntes
haue alwayes hitherto ben bounden by the actes and statutes made and
ordeyned by your saide highnes, and your most noble progenitours, by
auctoritie of the said court, as farforth as other countie citie and bo-
roughes haue ben, that haue had theyr knyghtes and burgesles, within
your saide court of parliament, and yet haue had neither knight ne bur-
gesse there, for the said countie Palatine, the said inhabitauntes for lacke
therof, haue ben oftentimes touched and greued with actes and statutes,
made within the said court, as well derogatiue vnto the most aunciente
iurisdiccions liberties and priuileges of your sayde countie Palatine, as
preiudiciall vnto the common welth, quietnes, rest, and peace of your gra-
ces most bounden subiectes, inhabiting within the same. For remedy wher-
of it may please your sayde highnes, that it be enacted, with the assent of
the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present par-
liamente assembled, and by thaurtoritie of the same, that from thende of
this present session, the sayde countie Palatine of Chester shall haue two
knyghtes for the sayde countie Palatine, and likewise two citezens to be
burgesles for the citie of Chester, to be electe and chosen by processe to be
awarded by the chauncellour of Englande, vnto the chamberlayne of Che-
ster, his lieutenant or deputie for the tyme beinge: And so lyke processe
to be made by the sayde chamberlayne, his lieutenant or deputie to the
shireffe of the said countie of Chester: And the same election to be made
vnder like maner and forme, to all intentes constructions and purposes,
as is vsed within the countie Palatine of Lancastre, or any other coun-
tie and citie within this realme of Englande, whiche sayde knyghtes and
burgesles, and every of them so electe and chosen, shall be retourned
by the sayd shireffe into the chauncery of Englande in due forme, and v-
pon like paines as it is ordeined, that the shireffe or shireffes of any other
countie within this realme, shulde make their retourne in case like. And
whiche said knyghtes and burgesles, and every of them so electe and re-
tourned, shalbe knyghtes & burgesles of the court of parliament, & haue
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like voyce and auctoritie, to all intentes and purposes, as any other the knightes & burgeses of the sayd court of parliament, haue, vse, & enioy. And in likewyse, shall and may take all and euery such like liberties, aduantages, dignities, priuileges, wages, fees, and commodities, concerning this said court of parliament, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as any other the knightes and burgeses of the said court, shall, may, or ought to haue, take, or enioye.

C And also where it is, and hath ben vsed within the sayde countie Palatine, that by the suggestion of any person, that is or hath ben indebted to any other person or persons, commynge to the Eschequer within the said countie Palatine, and there takynge a corporall othe, that he or they shall paye his or their creditours at such tyme as he or they shall be able therto: thos officers of the sayde Eschequer haue vsed without warraunt, to graunt out of the same Eschequer a wytt in nature of a protection, whereby the said creditours haue ben and be greatly delayed, and in maner defrauded of their said debtes, to the great impouerishment and vndoyng of the said creditours. For reformatio wherof it may also please your sayd hyghnes, that it be enacted, by thaurthoritie afoze sayd, that no such wytt of course, without a speciall warraunt from your sayd hyghnes, your heyres or successours, conteynyng any such protection, be fro the first day of October, which shall be in the yere of our lord God. M. CCCC. xliii. graunted, But that all and euery suche wyttes of course, after the saide daye to be graunted, to be voyde and of none effecte. Any custome vse or priuilege, to the contrary herof not withstandynge.

C In acte for the certificat of conuictes to be made
in to the kynges benche. Cap. xliiii.

Where befoze this tyme dyuers persons haue ben endyted, arrayned, and atteynted, & some of them clerkes conuict, and some of them clerkes atteinted, and some of them outlawed for murder, burgulary, robbery, and other felonyes, befoze Justices of the peace, Justices of gaole delyuery, and Justices of oyer and determiner, within dyuers cities, counties, franchises, and liberties within this realme. The recozdes of which atteynders, vtlawries, and conuictions often and many tymes by neglygence of the clerke of the crowne, clerkes of peace, clerkes of assyse and suche other, as haue had the ordre, rule, keepynge, and gouernaunce of the same recozdes, haue ben imbeciled, and not redy to be obiected agaynst suche persons, as haue bene newly arrayned befoze our soueraygne lord the kyng in his benche, or befoze other the kynges Justices for like and suche other offences by them committed or done. And for that it hath not bene knowne certepnly, whither to resoyle for the same recozdes, because they were not certepnly in to any place certayne. By reason wherof sometyme suche persons and lyke offenders

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fendours which haue ben newly arraigned, as is befoze sayde, haue had
 the benefyt of his oꝝ theyꝝ clergie, where they ought not ne shulde haue
 had the same, if the sayde recoꝝdes had ben then pꝛesent in the same place,
 where suche persone oꝝ persons were so newly arraigned, oꝝ elles certifyed
 into some other place certeyne, where the same recoꝝdes mought haue
 ben sene, sent foꝝ, oꝝ wꝛitten, foꝝ to haue ben objected agaynst suche per-
 son oꝝ persons so newly arreynd. Wherby as well the kynge our soue-
 raygne loꝝde, as also all other persons, haue many tymes lost theyꝝ ex-
 chetes and other aduantages, and foꝝsaptures, that they shulde haue
 had by meane of the sayd atteynders, to the great losses, both of our sayd
 loꝝde the kynge, and other persons, and also the same offendours haue
 had their clergy, where they ought not so to haue had, to the great boldnes
 and encouragynge of lyke offendours. In consideration wherof, be it
 enacted by the kynge our soueraygne loꝝde, the loꝝdes spirituall and
 tempozall, and the commons in this parlamente assembled, and by the
 auctoritie of the same, that the Clerke of the crowne, Clerke of the
 peace, and clerkes of assyse foꝝ the tyme beyng, where any suche atteyn-
 der, outlawꝝ, oꝝ conuption shall so be had, shall from the feast of Pen-
 tecoste nexte commynge, not only certifye a transcripte, byellesse, and
 in fewe wordes, conteynyng the tenoure and effecte of euerye suche
 indytemente, outlawꝝ, conuiction, and clerke atteynted, befoze them so
 to be had, made, oꝝ pronounced, that is to saye, the name, surname, and
 addycion of euerye suche persone and persons as shall be so indyted, and
 therbyppon outlawed, conuicted, oꝝ clerke atteynted, and the certaynty
 of the sayde felony oꝝ other offence, wherbyppon he oꝝ they shall be so out-
 lawed, conuicted, oꝝ clerke atteynted, and the daye and place of his out-
 lawꝝ, conuiction, and atteyntder, and the daye and place, where and
 whan the sayde felonye oꝝ other offence, wherbyppon the sayde person oꝝ
 persons shall be so indicted, outlawed, conuicted, oꝝ clerke atteynted, shall
 be made and done, befoze the kynge our soueraygne loꝝde in his benche at
 Westmynster in the countie of Midd, there to remayne of recoꝝde foꝝ
 euer amonge other the kynges recoꝝdes there, within fourtye dayes nexte
 after any such atteyntder, conuiction, oꝝ outlawꝝ shall be had, made oꝝ
 pronounced if the terme be than, and if not, than within twenty dayes,
 nexte after the begynnynge of the terme next folowynge the sayde fourtye
 dayes, but also shall deliuer a transcripte of euerye such indytement, wher-
 byppon the sayd person and persons shall fortune here after so to be conuic-
 ted, oꝝ clerkes atteynted, to the oꝝdinary, to whom the body of the sayde
 person oꝝ persons shall be committed, at the tyme that the sayde person oꝝ
 persons shall be so committed. The sayde oꝝdinary payngs to euerye such
 clerke, as shall wryte the sayde transcript, foꝝ euerye coppe of suche indite-
 ment, twelue pence, foꝝ his paynes, byppon payne, that euerye clerke of the
 crowne, clerke of the peace, and clerke of assyse foꝝ the tyme beyng,
 befoze whom suche indytement, atteyntder, outlawꝝ, oꝝ conuiction shall be
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so had made pronounced or remaine for the non certifying of every suche recoorde, and not deliivering of the copy of such inditeementes to the said ordinaries accordinge to this estatute, to lose & forfeite. xl. s. the one moztie therof to be to the king our soueraigne lord, & the other moztie to him that will sue for the same by action of det bill information or otherwise in any of the kinges courtes of recoorde, wherein no wager of lawe esoyne or protection shalbe allowed. And the clerke of the crowne in the kinges bench, shal receyue the said certificates and transcriptes at such time as they shal be tendered & profered vnto them by the said clerkes of the crowne, clerkes of the pear, and clerkes of assise, or by their deputy or deputies, without taking any thing for the same, vpon paine of forfeiture of the summe of. xl. s. for every such certificat by him refused.

¶ Provided alwayes & be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid & if there be any moze persons contained and named in any such inditeement, other than such person so atteinted, convicted, or outlawed, that than such clerke of the crowne, clerke of assise, clerke of the pear, with whom the recoorde of such atteinder, outlawrie, or conviction shal remayne, shal within the time befoze in this act limited certifie the transcript of such inditeement outlawrie or conviction only concerninge such personne or persons so indited and atteinted outlawed or convicted, in to the kinges bench at Westminster as is beforesaide, which transcript so certified shal be had and taken as good, effectuell, and auailable in the law, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes against such person and personnes, against whom it shalbe so objected, alleged, or pleded, as if the very recoorde therof, wherupon he or they were so indited, were there present.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the saide clerke of the crowne in the kinges bench for the time beinge, shal at all suche times as the Justices of gaole deliuey, Justices of pear, in every county within this realme of Englande do write vnto him for the names of suche personnes, which be so atteinted by outlawrie, or clerkes atteinted or convicted and certified in to the saide benche, of our saide soueraigne lord the kynge, shal incontinently without delay certifie the saide names and surnames of the said personnes, with the causes why and wherfoze they were convict or atteinted, vnto the Justices of gaole deliuerie, or Justices of pear, vpon the paine & penaltie to forfeite for every name of suche persons, which shal be so written for, and not certified by the said clerke of the crowne in the kinges bench to the said Justices. xl. s.

¶ Provided alwayes & be it further enacted, that this acte nor any thinge therein contained, shal not extende to the clerkes of the crowne, clerkes of the pear, clerkes of gaole deliuerie, neither to any of the Notaries within the counties of Wales & Chester, or within the counties Palatines of Lancastre & Duresme, or any of them, to make any transcript of any such atteinder, conviction, or outlawrie of any person or personnes convicted, atteinted, or outlawed, befoze the kinges Justices of his counties of

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Wales nor Chester, or countie of Lancastre, Duresme, or any of them, but that the same recordes shall and may remayne and be in the custodie and keeping of the said clerkes and Denotaries, in such maner & wise as they are at this day. This acte or any thinge therin conteyned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

CIn acte touching the Deane and chapter of Welles, to be one sole chapter of it selfe. Cap. xv.



Here befoze this time the chapter vnto the see & bishopricke of Bathe & welles was the Deane and chapter of the cathedral church of saint Andrew of welles in the countie of Somerset, & the late priore & couent of the late priore or monastarie of the Apostelles saint Peter and Paule of Bathe, in the said countie of Somerset: by reason wherof al feoffementes, leases, grauntes, and estates, made of any of the manors, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, fees, offices, or any other thing belonging or appertaining vnto the said see & bishopricke, or wherof the bishop of the said see of Bathe and welles for the time beyng, was seised in the right of the said bishopricke, or going out of the said manors, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, belonging vnto the said bishopricke, which shuld be good or of effecte in the lawe, to binde his successors in succession after the death of the said bishop of the said bishopricke for the time being grautour, lessour, or giuour of any of the premises, as is aforesaid, ought to be made in wytinge by the same bishop vnder his seale: and to be also by wytinge sealed, as well with the common seale of the priour and couent for the time being of the said late priore or monestarie of Bathe, as also with the chapter seale of the Deane and chapter of welles for the time being, ratified confirmed and assented vnto which said priore or monestarie of Bathe diuers peres now past, was & now is lafully dissolved extincted and determined. And where as diuers and sondre giftes feoffementes, grauntes, leases, wytinges, and other thinges haue ben made in wytinge sithen the dissolution of the saide late priore or monastarie of Bathe, of and in parcell of the premises, or going out, or to be percepued or taken of and in the same, by the now bishop of the said see, & bishopricke. Whiche saide giftes, feoffementes, grauntes, leases, wytinges and other thinges the said Deane and chapter of welles, hath sith the makinge therof ratified and confirmed vnder their common seale, in due forme after the lawe. And yet that notwithstanding there is and remaineth great doubte and question among diuers persons, whether the confirmation or assent of the said Deane or chapter of welles, had and made by wytinge vnder their chapter seale, sithens the dissolution of the said late priore or monastarie be sufficient in the lawe, to make perfette and good the same giftes feoffementes, grauntes, leases, wytinges, and other thinges heretofore made by the

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the said now biſhop, to binde him and his ſucceſſors in ſucceſſion or not :
and alſo whether al giſtes, feoffementes, graūtes, leaſes, wrytinges, dedes,
actes, and other thinges hereafter laufully to be made in wrytinge, by the
ſaid now biſhop, or any his ſucceſſours, and ſealed with the ſeale of the
biſhop of the ſaid ſee and biſhoprike for the time beinge, and confirmed
ratified or aſſented vnto by the ſaid Deane and chapter of Welles, vnder
or with their chapter ſeale, ſhalbe good & auailable in the law, to binde
the ſaide biſhop of the ſaid ſee, or biſhoprike for the time beinge in ſuc-
ceſſion. In conſideration wherof, & to thintent to auoide all ambiguities
doubtes and queſtions, that may grow, come, riſe, or be in that behalfe :
Be it enacted or deyned and eſtabliſhed, by the king our ſoueraigne lord,
the lordes ſpirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this preſent par-
liament aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame, that all giſtes, feoffe-
mentes, graūtes, leaſes, wrytinges, dedes, and actes, made in wryting by
the ſaid now biſhop of the ſaide ſee or biſhoprike, vnder the ſeale of the
ſame biſhop, ſithen the diſſolution of the ſaid late priorye, or monaſterie,
of Bathe, or at any time ſithen the diſſolution of the ſame late monaſterie.
And alſo all giſtes, feoffementes, graūtes, leaſes, dedes, wrytinges, and
actes hereafter to be made in wryting by the biſhop of Bathe and Welles
for the time being, of any manors, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes,
offices, fees, or any other thing belonging to the ſaide biſhoprike, or go-
ing out of the ſame, or in any wiſe touching or concerning the ſame biſho-
prike or ſee, and the ſame ſealed by the ſaide biſhop for time being, and
which at any time ſithen the diſſolution of the ſaid late monaſterie, haue
ben, or at any time hereafter ſhalbe ratified, confirmed, and aſſented vnto,
by the Deane and chapter of Welles for the time being, in wryting vnder
their chapter ſeale, ſhalbe good and effectuell in the law to all intentes
and purpoſes, to binde in ſucceſſion, the ſucceſſours of the ſaid biſhop for
the time beinge, accordinge to the tenours purpoſes, and effectes of the
ſame giſtes feoffementes grantes leaſes & other wrytinges dedes and ac-
tes ſo made or hereafter to be made in wrytinge : any lawe cuſtome or uſa-
ge heretofore uſed or had to the contrarie not withſtanding.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaide, that the Deane
and chapter of Welles aforeſaide and their ſucceſſours for the time being,
ſhalbe from henceforth for ever excepted taken reputed and adiudged, to be
the full, entier and ſole chapter of the biſhoprike of Bathe and Welles, &
belonginge to the ſame biſhoprike, in full name, nature, and auctoritie, po-
wer, and qualitie, to all intentes, conſtructions, and purpoſes, as the ſole
chapter of the ſame biſhoprike.

¶ Provided alweys, that this acte, or any thinge therein contained, do not
extende to binde any founder or giuour of any manours, landes, tenemen-
tes, or hereditamentes, of the ſaid ſee and biſhoprike, or therunto belon-
ging, of for or concerninge all ſuche actions and ſutes, as they or any of
them may, ſhuld, or ought to haue, by reaſon of any alienatio in fee ſimple
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of fee talle, herafter to be made of any of the manors, landes, tenementes,
or hereditamentes, of the said see and bishopricke, or of any part thereof.

**An acte for Shireffes to be discharged vpon their accomptes,
and to haue allowances for their reasonable expences,
in the court of Exchequer. Cap. xvi.**



A most humble wise besechen the kinges maiestie his true
& feithfull subiectes, the comons in this present parliament
assembled, that where the Shireffes for the most part of the
counties within this his realme of Englande, stand and be
charged & chargeable towarde his highnes, by reason of
their said offices of Shirefeweike, w^{ch} diuers auncient fermes
annexed vnto the corpes of the same counties, that is to say, with one ferme
demaunded of þ^e Shirefe of euery of the said counties for þ^e time beinge, in one
hole sum vnder this title De vic. de rem. firm. com. post terr. dat. which ferme
did, and yet partly both growe and accrue, as wel of thislues & profittes of
such landes and tenementes, as from the conquest vnto the .xi. pere of the
reigne of king Edward the first, did remaine in the handes of the kinges
most noble progenitors, & some of them do yet also remayne in the handes
of the kinges maiesty, vnder the charge and custodie of the Shireffes of the
same counties for the time being, as partell of the auncient demeanes and
inheritaunces of the crowne of Englands, not graunted nor giuen away, as
also of rentes of assise, rentes called comon fines, Shireffes aides, & of other
rentes certaine, belonging to the same ferme. And thother ferme demaun-
ded like wise in an other hole summe, Videlicet de vic. de firma pro proficuo
com. which ferme did, and yet partly both rise and growe of the perqui-
sites & profittes of the courtes holden by the Shireffes at the county daies,
Shireffes turnes, & hundredes, & of diuers other casualties and profittes,
perely hapenynge & fallinge, within the hundredes and wapentakes of the
said seuerall counties, percel of the corpes of the same counties of olde time
annexed to the saide Crowne of England. And also stande & be charged &
chargeable by reason of their said offices, with diuers summes of money
demaunded of them seuerally for þ^e fermes of diuers purprestures, assertes
sergeanties, & minute rentes, and other fermes erected & demaunded of the
Shirefe vnder the title or name of the Shiref: as in the rolles & Memozand
of the kynges courte of his Exchequer moze plainly it may appere: whiche
fermes & other summes of money befoze reherfed, be not, nor of long time
haue ben holy leuied or gathered by any of the said Shireffes: but parte
of them haue ben perely losse & not collected, partly bicause the said Shireffes
in times past, haue forborne to aske or demaunde the same, or for to di-
streigne therfoze: so that it is now not certainly knowen, what landes or
persons shuld be charged or chargeable therewith. And partly bicause gret
part of the landes and tenementes, hundredes & wapentakes, out wherof
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parte of the rentes and p[ro]fittes, belonginge to the sayd seuerall fermes, dyd issue and grow, haue ben gyuen by the kynges hyghnes, o[re] his noble progenitours, to sundrie persons, discharged of the same rentes and p[ro]fittes, and yet none allowaunce o[re] deduction hath ben requyred no[re] made therof. And now of late diuers manours, landes, tenemētes, rentes lutes, seruices, hundrethes, wapentakes, lathes, & rapes, which were also chargeable, with certeyne rentes, fermes, & p[ro]fittes, parcell of the said fermes befoze reherled, ben comen to the possession of the kynges maiestie, by the gifte graunt dissolution surrendre o[re] atteinder of diuers late monasteries o[re] houses of religion, lately surrendred dissolued, o[re] otherwyle comen to his maiesties handes: by occasion wherof the said rentes, fermes, & p[ro]fittes, whiche did come & growe out of the same, ben now clerely extynguished & determined. By reason wherof the sayd shireffes haue hertofore susteyned, & from hensforth ben lyke to susteyne moch moze losse & damage in þe sayd fermes, & charges befoze reherled, vpo[n] þe determination of their accomptes in the kinges court of his Eschequer, then they were wont to do, onles some good remedie be the soner p[ro]vided fo[r] them in this behalfe.

¶ It may therfoze please the kynges most excellent highnes, that it be enacted, ordeyned and establisshed by his maiestie, with thaduyse and assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons of this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that from hensforth all and euery person, whiche now is, o[re] here after shall be shirefe o[re] shireffes of any countie, o[re] counties accomptable o[re] answerable in the said Eschequer, shall at his day of p[re]fession, immediatly after he is swozne to accompt of the issues and p[ro]fittes of his office of shirefwyke, and euery other person, which of late haue ben shirefe o[re] shireffes of any of the sayd counties, & haue no tayle of rewarde, no[re] haue not yet determined his o[re] their accompt, o[re] otherwyle be discharged o[re] pardoned therof, shall in the same terme, that he taketh his othe to accōpt, be swozne by him selfe, o[re] by his attorney o[re] deputie swozne fo[r] him, whē he shall answer befoze the lord treasurer, chamberleines, chauncellour and barons of the said Eschequer: o[re] in the absence of the said lord treasurer, chamberleines, o[re] chauncellour o[re] of any of them, than befoze suche of the said lord treasurer, chamberleines, chauncellour, and of the sayde barons, as then shall happen to be present in the sayde courte, to byp[re]nge in and delpyuer in to the sayde court, rolles o[re] cedules of parchment, conteynyng in them truely without omission o[re] concelement, all such particulare summes of money, which he hath leuyed, o[re] lawfully mought haue leuyed to his wyttynge o[re] knowledge within his bailiwyke, as parte o[re] parcell of sayd auncient fermes, & thother fermes befoze reherled, making expresse & distinct mention in the same rolles o[re] cedules, as nye as he o[re] they can o[re] may, of what person, & in what landes & tenemētes, & fo[r] what cause the same particuler summes & euery of the be leuyed o[re] leuiable toward þe making of þe same fermes o[re] any of the. And þe after þe same rolles o[re] cedules so deliuered, & the p[ar]ticular sumes of money

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money in them conteyned, apperteyninge to their propre fermes, cast & rated befoze the said lozde treasurer, chamberleynes, chauncellour and barons, oꝛ befoze the said barons, in the absence of the said lozde treasurer, chamberleines, oꝛ chauncellour foꝛ the tyme beyng, oꝛ any of them. The same lozde treasurer, chamberleynes, chauncellour & the sayde barons: oꝛ the said barons, in the absence of the said lozde treasurer, chamberleines, oꝛ chauncellour, oꝛ of any of them foꝛ the tyme being, shall haue full power & auctoritie by this acte, to make allowaunce, exoneration, and deduction in the sayde open courtte, from tyme to tyme by their discretions, to euery such person, in euery of the said fermes, of so moch money as the said fermes shalbe moze then the sayd particulars, so appoynted & conteyned in the sayd rolles oꝛ cedules, do amount vnto. And foꝛ reuoting & recouery of such parcels, belonginge to any of the sayd fermes, oꝛ other the premis- ses, omitted out of the sayd rolles oꝛ cedules, and foꝛ sauinge of other the kynges auncient rightes and inheritaunces, answerable in the sayd Esche- ker, which be now wrongfully withdrauen, & vniustly withholden fro his possession: the lozde treasurer, chamberleynes, chauncellour and barons of the said Eschequer, oꝛ the same barons, in the absence of the said treasou- rer, chamberleynes, & chauncellour, oꝛ of any of them, shall from tyme to tyme awarde such processe, and vse suche conuenient wayes and meanes, by commission oꝛ otherwise, accoꝛdyng to the course of the sayd Eschequer, and further as shalbe deuysed by their discretion: so that the kyng, his heires and successours maye be truely answered of thissues and profittes of the same, without other warrant to be pursued and opteyned foꝛ the pre- missis, oꝛ any part therof: Any estatute, acte, oꝛ dinaunce, oꝛ vse hertofore to the contrary had made oꝛ vled in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ And furthermoze where diuers and sondye summes of money ben re- spected to many persons, which haue ben shireffes of the said counties be- fore this tyme, vpon their accomptes, yelden in the kynges sayde courtte of his Eschequer, of the foresaid fermes and other vicoüttes, vpon diuers petitions in the sayd court, foꝛ so moch as they, ne any of them coulde, noꝛ myght leupe the same by vertue of the commons of the sayd Eschequer, foꝛ such causes as the same late shireffes haue alleged in their said petitions, as by the same petitions moze playnly doth appere: Be it therfore enacted by thaurtoritie afoze sayd, that all and euery the sayde late shireffes, vpon their othes taken in the sayd court, that the causes alleged in the same pe- tition be true, and the same causes examined in the same courtte, accoꝛdyn- gly, be by vertue of this present act clerely acquitted & discharged agaynst the kynges maiestie, and his heires and successours foꝛ euer, of all and euery such summe and summes of money, so not leuped noꝛ leutable, put in respecte, as is befoze rehered: And therupon such like proces to be a- warded by the saide courtte, and suche conuenient wayes and meanes, by commission and otherwyse, to be had, accoꝛdyng to the course of the said Eschequer, from tyme to tyme, as shall be deuysed by the sayde lozde trea-
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sourer, chamberleines, chauncellour, and barons: oꝝ in the absence of
 the said lord treasurer, chamberleines, oꝝ chauncellour, oꝝ any of them, by
 the said barons, & by as many of the said lord treasurer, chamberleines &
 chauncellour, as then shall happen to be there then present, without either
 warrant oꝝ suite in that behalfe to be had. And foꝝ as moch as the Shiref-
 fes of the said counties foꝝ the tyme beinge, shall susteyne, & supporte dy-
 uers charges, by reason of their said office of Shirefwike, as in executing þ
 kinges writtes & sommōs, & leuyinge all summes of money conteyned in
 the extreates within their counties, & in cōming to the Eschequer, to make
 their pꝛofers and viewes of their accomptes, & make payment of all that
 shalbe due vpon euery of their viewes and accomptes, and other dyuers
 costes and charges concerning the same office of Shirefwike, without ha-
 uynge frō hensforth any taile oꝝ tailles of reward, portage oꝝ other allow-
 aunces towardes their said charges.

¶ And where also diuers of þ said Shireffes hertofore haue vsed, at their
 owne costes, to beare perely the charges of the expences of the kinges Ju-
 stices of assises, Nisi prius, generall and speciall gaole deliueries, & oꝝer
 determiner, and of their clerkes of assises and seruauntes at the same ses-
 sions at their cōming two times in the yere, during such tyme as the said
 Justices remayne and serue the kinges highnes there, without hauynge
 hertofore any recompence oꝝ allowaunce foꝝ the same. And to the intent,
 that euery of the said Shireffes, foꝝ the tyme being, may and shall hereafter
 be moꝝe able, diligently to serue the kinge in his oꝝ their said offices, with-
 out taking any vnlawfull exactions of the kinges subiecttes, & also better
 to make pꝛouision foꝝ the said Justices, & their cōpany in their circuittes,
 hauynge ayde of the kyng towards their sayde charges and expences:
 The kynges hyghnes, of his lyberalitie, in consideration of the same
 charges, so to be susteyned by the sayde Shireffes, is contented and plea-
 sed, that it be enacted by his hyghnes, with thassente of the lordes spiri-
 tuall and tempozall, and commons in this present parliament assembled,
 and by the auctoritie of the same, that euery of the sayde Shireffes, com-
 mynge to his accomptes in the sayde Eschequer, shewynge a byll, subscri-
 bed with the handes of the said Justices, oꝝ of such of them as shalbe pre-
 sent at the said assyses and sessions, makynge playne mention of the dates
 and tyme, that the said Justices dyd abyde oꝝ remayne in the same coun-
 tie at the costes of the sayde Shireffes, in oꝝ about the kynges sayde affay-
 res and busynes, shall haue allowaunce as well hereof, as foꝝ other his
 said reasonable costes, vpon his oꝝ their accomptes in the said Eschequer,
 by the discretion of the sayd lord treasurer, chamberleynes, chauncellour
 and barons: & in the absence of the said lord treasurer, chamberleynes,
 chauncellour oꝝ any of them, by the sayd barons, & by as many of þ said
 lord treasurer, chamberleines & chauncellour, as then shal happē to be there
 presente, by auctorite of this presente acte, without other warrunt, oꝝ a-
 ny further suite to be had oꝝ made in this behalfe: so that all the allow-
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aunces for the costes aboue sayde, to all the shireffes, do not amounte in any one yere aboue the summe of.iii. C. xl. & two poundes. vi. s. & viii. p.ens
This act to continue & endure onely to the ende of the next parliament.

CAn act for the new erected bysshops to pay theyr tenthes
in the court of first frutes. Cap. xlii.

Vhere in the parliament begon & holden at London, the thyrtyd day of
Nouembre, in the. xxi. yere of the reygne of our most dyede souerayne
lorde kynge Henry the eyght, & fro thens adiourned to Westmynstre, and
there holden and continued by diuers prorogations, vntyll the dissolution
therof: it was among other thinges established & enacted, that the kynges
maiestie, his heires & successours, for the augmentation & mayntenaunce
of the royall estate of his imperiall crowne & dignitie, of supreme head of
the church of England, shuld perely haue, take, enioye, & receyue, vnted
and knitte vnto his imperiall crowne for euer, one perely rent or pencion,
amounting to the value of the tenth parte of all the reuenues, rentes, fer-
mies, tythes, offertynge, emolumetes, & of all other profittes, as well cal-
led spiritual as temporal, then apperteyning or belonging, or p afterward
from thenforth shulde belonge to any archbysshopp, bysshopp, ab-
bay, monasterie, priore, archdeacon, deanty, hospycall, college, house
collegiate, prebende, cathedrall church, collegiate church, conuentuall
church, personage, bycarage, chauntie, free chappel, or other benefyce or
promotion spiritual, of what name, nature or qualite, soeuer they were,
within any dioces of this realme, or in Wales, the said pencion or annual
rent, to be perely payd for euer, to our said souerayne lorde, to his heires
and successours kynges of this realme, at the feast of the Natyuite of our
lorde god, as by the same acte, amonge diuers other thinges therein con-
teined, moze plainly is shewed & may appete. And where also at the par-
liament, begon at Westmynstre, the. xlii. day of Aprill, in the. xxi. yere
of our said souerayne lord the kynges most gracious reigne: & afterward
continued by diuers & sundry prorogations, vntyll the dissolution therof,
there was, by auctoritie of the said parliament, erected & established a cer-
taine court, called the court of the first frutes and tenth. And it was
further enacted by the auctoritie of the saide parliament, that p said first
frutes & tenthes, & all the reuenues & profittes therof, which then were,
or here after from thenforth shuld grow or be, by any maner of meanes,
shuld be from thenforth in the ordre lorde & gouernance of the sayd
court of first frutes and tenth, and ministers of the same, as by the
same acte amonge diuers other thinges therein contepned, playnly appe-
reth. Wherby the making of which sayd act, our said souerayne lorde, of
his most gracious & blessed disposition, by his most gracious seuerall let-
ters patentes, hath made, erected, incorporate, and established within
this his realme, diuerse and sundry bysshops and sees of byshops, that
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is to say, John nowe bishop of Chester, John nowe bishop of Gloucestre, John nowe bishop of Peterborough, Paul nowe bishop of Bristol, and Robert nowe bishop of Oxforde: and by the same his seuerall and sundry letters patentes, hath sundrily and seuerally giuen and granted vnto the said bishops diuers and sundry manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes. In whiche sayde seuerall letters patentes there ben reserued vnto his highnes, his heires and successours, certaine yerely rentes and pentiones, amountyng to the tenth of the same manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, so seuerally giuen to the said seuerall bishops, to be paid and payable yerely in our sayd souerain lord the kinges court of augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne, as in the sayd seuerall letters patentes moze plainly appereth. And for as moche as by the said former estatutes, the said bishops ben compellable euery one of the to pay the tenthes of his or theyr possessions, annexed to their seuerall bishopriches, in our said souerain lord the kinges court of first fructes and tenth, the said bishops be and shall be double charged and chargeable, with the paymentes of the said rentes and pentiones, reserued and to be paid, as is abouesaid: for that that the paymentes therof in one of the said courtes, is no discharge in the other, contrary to the true intent and meanyng of the kinges highnes, and to the great hurte and decay of the said bishops, and their successours, if speedy remedy be not therfore provided. For reformation wherof be it enacted and ordeined, by auctorite of this present parliament, that all the yerely rentes tenthes and pentiones, as is or be aboute reherfed, reserued in and by all and singular the kinges highnes said seuerall letters patentes, made of any manours landes tenementes personages appropiate, or other hereditamentes what so euer they be, sithen the. xxiii. day of Apryll, in the saide. xxi. yere of the reygne of our saide soueraigne lord, to any the saide seuerall bishops, shall from the fyrste day of May next commyng, be in the rule gouernaunce and suruey of the said court of first fructes and tenth. And that all suche of the same rentes pentiones and tenthes, shall be from the said first day of May, payable and alwaies paid in the said court of first fructes and tenth, and not els where, nor in any other court or place: any thing reherfed in the said seuerall letters patentes, or in any of them, or any act statute or law had made or made to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite afoze sayd, that the said bishops nor theyr successours, ne any of them, shall at any time hereafter be empeched or sued in the said court of first fructes and tenth, of or for any tenth yerely rent or pention, reserued in or by any of the sayde seuerall letters patentes, whiche now is, or before the sayd first day of May next commyng, shall be due vnto the kinges highnes. And that all and singular proces and suites, now had and pursued, or hereafter on this side the said first day of May to be had or sued out of the sayd court of first fructes and tenth, against any of the sayd bishops newly erected and made, as is afozesayd, of for or concernyng onely any yerely rent pention or tenthes, reserued vpon or by any of the sayd

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sayde letters patentees, shall ceasse and be clerely voyde to all intentes and purposes.

CAn act for Canturbury, concerning the priuileges of the same. ca. p. xviii.



Where the cite of Canturbury is, and of auncient tyme hath ben a cite incorporate, and endowed with diuerse and many ample priuileges and franchises, by dyuers and sundry charters and grauntes heretofore made by the kynges noble progenitours, as wel in the tyme of the prince of famous memoire king Henry the. vi. as in the tyme of othe his noble progenitours: wherby the same cite ought to haue vse and enioy all the sayde libertties priuileges and franchises, accordyng to the tenour force purport and effecte of al such of the said charters & grauntes heretofore graunted & made vnto the maire & citezens of the said cite, as remaine & stand yet in ful strenth and force: yet diuers ambiguous questions & varietie in opynions of diuerse persones learned in the lawe of the realme, be of late risen & growen, of the validitie purport & force of diuers articles cōteined in the said charters & grauntes, bicause that some mo:des cōpysed in the same, seme to them obscure ambiguous and doubtful, wherby in dede the true intent & meaning therof, to the most part of men, learned in the lawes of the realme, doth right wel appere, to be plaine: by reason wherof not only the good ciuile pollicie of the said cite is moch decayed, but also the welthy occupieng, the populous inhabiting, and the bautiful building therof, be like to come in great ruine depopulation and decay, not a litle to the extenuatio of that part of this realme, as wel in the eyes of al strangers, as in the eyes of such great personages as shal happen to haue repaire to the kynges maiestie in ambassade & otherwise. In consideration wherof be it enacted, by the kynges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thaucto:tie of the same, that the maire and aldermen, or the moze parte of them, of the said cite, and their successours, by such name or names as they be incorporate, shal haue vse and enioy al such libertties franchises & priuileges, within the limittes p:ecinct & iurisdiction of the said cite, which they or their p:edecessours maires and aldermen of the same cite, haue had to the graunted by the kynges highnes, or any of his noble progenitours, by his or they: letters patentees, vnder the great seale of Englande, nowe remaynyng in full strenthe and force, accordyng to the true purport and effect of the same letters patentees and grauntes heretofore had and made vnto the saide maire and aldermen of the said cite, as is aforesaid, notwithstanding they haue not ben of late tyme vsed nor put in execution accordyngly.

And be it further enacted by thaucto:tie aforesaide, that it shall be lawful to all and euery person and persons, citezens and inhabiting within the saide cite or libertties, or the p:ecinct therof to take a p:entise or p:entises, by indentures

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indentures interchangeable, sealed with the seales of such parties, for the terme of .vii. yerres or lesse, as both the parties can agree, albeit such apprentise or apprentises be within the age of .xvi. yerres: and that the same indentures of apprentisehode, shall comprehend like couenantes, and be made writen and enrolled, in lyke maner and fourme, as is commonly bled in suche cases within the city of London: and the same indentures, comprynge suche couenantes, made writen and enrolled as is aforesayde, shall be from henceforth good and effectuell in the law, against every such apprentise, to all intentes constructions and purposes: the minority of such apprentises, the statute made in the .vii. yere of the noble prince kyng Henry the fourth, concerning apprentises, or any other statute law custome or blage, concerning taking of apprentises, to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Be it also enacted, by the auctorite aforesayd, that no person or persons, beyng forreins, and not beyng free citeisins of the sayd city of Canturbury, shall not from henceforth, contrary to the liberty and grauntes, heretofore had and made vnto the maire and aldermen of the sayd city, bye or sell any maner of marchaundise, to or with any maner of person or persons forreins, and not beinge free citeisins of the saide cite, nor kepe any open shoppe, nor vse any mistery or handy craftte, within the same cite liberties and precincte therof, without the speciall lycence of the saide mayre and aldermen, or the moze parte of them, in writyng vnder their seale, vpon payne to forfait for every suche offence, to the said maire and aldermen, to the vse of the sayde cite. .xl. s. .x. d. of lawfull money of England. And that the maire and aldermen of the same cite, and their successours for the tyme being, from tyme to tyme, shall haue power and auctorite, to demaunde and aske, agaynst every suche offendour, in the courte hall of the sayd cite, by action or plaint of det, the said forfaiture, or at theyr liberties shall take leue and perceiue by distresse the saide penalties or forfaitures, to the vse of the sayde cite, by and accordyng to the course of the common lawe.

¶ Provided alwates, that this act, nor any thyng therein contained, shall extend or be prejudiciall to the kynges maiesty, his heires or successours: but that it shalbe lafull to our sayd souerayn lord, his heires and successours, from tyme to tyme, to seise or resyme any of the said franchises liberties or priuileges, heretofore granted by any of his progenitours, and confirmed by this present act, for any sufficient cause of forfaiture by the lawe of this realme: any clause or article in this act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided also, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not in any wyse extend to the palayce of the most reuerend father in god, Thomas now archbishop of Canturbury, or to the hamlette of Stablegate, or to the seite and precincte of the cathedral and metropolitane churche of Christ in Canturbury aforesayd, nor to any other place what so euer, immediately before the makynge of this acte, beinge out of the libertye of the sayd cite of Canturbury: Nor in any wyse shall be prejudiciall or hurtfull to the

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said archbishop, or any of his successours: or to the deane and chapiter of the said cathedral and metropolitane church of Chyrist in Canturbury, or to any of their successours, any thing in the same act not withstanding.

Counded also that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, shal not in any wise extende to any vouchur fyshmonger or any other person what so euer, inhabyting out of the libertie of the sayd city of Canturbury, for or concerning the selling or bying of any maner of fleshy fish or other vitaille, in the same city, or p[ro]uinct of the same, or the suburbes of the same: but that al maner of vitaille may for euer be frely bought and sold, in the said citie p[ro]uinct and suburbs of the same, as though this act had neuer ben made, any thing in the same to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

An act for the payment of pencions and portions graunted out of the late abbaies. Cap. xix.



Where the archbishops bishops archdeacons, and other ecclesiastical persons, of both the p[ro]uinces of Canturbury and Yorke within this realme of England, haue heretofore in the righte of their churches had and receyued out of the late monasteries abbathies p[ri]ories nunties colleges hospitals howles of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, now dissolued, and out of the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, belonging to the same, diuers pencions, portions, corrodies, indemnities, sinodies p[ro]ries and other p[ro]fittis. And where also in the parliamēt begun and holden at Westmīster the .xxviii. day of Ap[ri]ll, in the .xxxi. yere of the reygne of our soueraigne lorde Henry the eyght, by the grace of god kyng of England Fraunce and Ireland, defendour of the faith, and of the church of England and also of Ireland the supreme heade, it was ordeined and enacted, by thaucto[r]tie of the same parliamēt, that as wel the said late monasteries abbathies p[ri]ories nunties colleges hospitals houses of friers and other religyous and ecclesiasticall howles and places, with the manours landes tenementes hereditamentes and other p[ro]fites, belonging vnto the same late monasteries abbathies p[ri]ories and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, as then were or then hereafter shulde come vnto the kynges highnes handes, shulde be bested demed and adiudged in the actual and reall possession and season of the kynges highnes, his heires and successours. Sauyng to all and euery person and persons, and bodies politique, and their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of all and euery of them (other then the late abbottes p[ri]ours abbesses p[ri]oresses and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernelles of the sayde late monasteries abbathies p[ri]ories nunties colleges hospitalles houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, and their successours, and the successours of euery of them, and such as pretend to be founders patrones or donours of suche monasteries abbathies p[ri]ories nunties

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ries colleges hospytalles houses of friers and other ecclesiasticall houses and places, oꝛ of any manours, measuages, landes tenementes oꝛ other hereditamentes belongyng to the same, oꝛ to any of them, theyꝛ heyres and successours, and the heires and successours of euery such founder patrone oꝛ donour, and the then abbottes, priours abbelles prioresses & other ecclesiastical gouernours and gouernesses of suche monasteries abbathies, priories, nuntries, colleges, hospitalles, houses of fryers, and other relligieuse & ecclesiastical houses and places, which then hereafter shuld happen to be dissolved suppressed renounced relinquished forsayted gyven by, oꝛ common to the kynges hyghnes, & such as pzetende to be founders, patrones, oꝛ donours, of such monasteries, abbathies, priories, nuntries, colleges, hospitalles, houses of friers and other ecclesiastical houses & places, oꝛ of any manours, measuages, landes, tenementes, oꝛ other hereditamentes, to the same belongyng, oꝛ to any of them theyꝛ heyres and successours, and the heires & successours of euery of them, al suche ryght, tittle, clayme, interest, possession, rentes charges, annuities, leales, fermes, offices, fees, lpyuerpes, lpyuinges, portions, pencions, coꝛrodies, commons, synodies, priories, and other profytes, which they oꝛ any of them haue clayme, ought, maye oꝛ mighte haue had in oꝛ to the premisses, oꝛ to any parte oꝛ parcel therof, in such like maner fourme and condition, to all intentes, respectes, constructions & purposes, as if the same act had neuer ben had ne made (rentes seruices, rentes secke, & al other seruyces and suites only except) as by the same act amonges diuerse other thinges therein conteyned moꝛe playnely is shewed and may appere. And yet not withstandynge the sayd general sauynge, conteyned in the sayd act, the sayd archebysshops, bysshops, archdeacons, and other ecclesiastical persons, of bothe the sayd prouynces, of Canturbury and Yorke, be, and shal then the makynge of the sayd act haue ben disturbed and denyed, of the hauynge, receyuyng, oꝛ gatherynge of the sayd pencions, portions, coꝛrodies, indemnities, synodies, and priories, with other profytes belongynge vnto them, by dyuerse of the fermours and occupiers of great part and parcel of the sayde manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes of the sayde late monasteries, and other ecclesiastical houses and places, oꝛ beyng partie of the possessions of them, and haue no direct meane to obtene recouer oꝛ come to the same, not only to theyꝛ great hurt & damages, but also lyke to growe & be to the great losse & dyspersyon of the kynges maiestie, concerning his fyft frutes & tenth. Foꝛ reformation wherof be it ordeined established & enacted, by the kynges hyghnes, with the assent of the lordes spirytual and temporal & the comons in this present parlyament assembled, & by thauctoꝛitie of the same, & if any person oꝛ persons, being fermour oꝛ occupier of any manours landes tenementes personages benefites oꝛ other hereditamentes, oꝛ any of the sayd late monasteries oꝛ ecclesiastical houses oꝛ places, oꝛ belongynge to them oꝛ any of them, by the kynges hyghnes gifte graunt sale exchange oꝛ otherwyle, out of whiche premisses, any suche portions pencions coꝛrodies indemnities synodies oꝛ priories, oꝛ any other profittes, haue ben hereto-

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fo:e lawfully goinge out, answered o: payde to any of the archebysshops
bysshops archdeacons and other ecclesiasticall persons abouesayd, do at
any tyme after the fyfte day of Apryll nexte commynge, wylfully deny the
payment therof, at the dayes of payment hertofore accustomed, of any of
the sayd pencions portions corrodies indemnities sinodies pories, o: any
other profites, wherof the said archbysshops bysshops archdeacons o: other
ecclesiasticall persons were in possession, at o: within ten yerres nexte befoze
the tyme of the dissolution of any suche monasteries, o: other ecclesiasticall
houses o: places: that than it shalbe laful fo: the same archebysshops bys-
shops archdeacons o: other ecclesiasticall persons aforesaid, being so deni-
ed to be satisfied and payde therof, and haupng ryght to the same thyng in
demaund, to make suche proces, as wel against euery such person and per-
sons, as shal so deny paument of the same pencions portions corrodies pro-
ries indemnities sinodies, o: any other profites, which of ryght ought to be
paide, as is aforesaid, as against the church o: churches, charged with the
same, as heretofore they haue lafully done, and as by and acco:ding to the
lawes and statutes of this realme they may now lafully do, fo: the true pat-
ment and recouery therof. And if the party defendant be lafully conuict in
any such sute cause o: matter, acco:ding to the ecclesiastical lawes: than the
party plaintiffe shal haue and recouer against the party defendant the thing
in demaund, and the value therof in damages, with his costes fo: his sute.
¶ And be it further ordeyned and enacted, by thaucoztie aforesaid, that if
it fortune the cause o: matter of bariance betwene any of the said parties be
determinable at the common law: that than the party greued to sue fo: his
recouery and remedy therein at the common law. And if the party defendant
fortune to be by the course of the common lawe lafully condemned to the
party plaintiffe, tha the said party plaintiffe shal likewise haue and recouer
against the partie defendant the thyng in demaund, and the value therof in
damages, with his costes fo: his sute.

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¶ Provided alway and be it enacted by the auctozitie aforesaid, that al and
singularliche of the said archebysshops bysshops archdeacons, and other
ecclesiastical persons, which haue right o: title to claime demaund o: enjoy
any of the said pencions portions corrodies indemnities sinodies o: pories,
against any person o: persons, to whome the kyng hath made o: hereafter
shall make in wrytyng vnder seale, any sale gift graunt o: lease fo: terme of
yfe tyues o: yerres, o: any of the sayde manours landes tenementes perso-
nages benefices & other hereditamentes, charged o: chargeable to o: with
any of the said pencions portions corrodies indemnities sinodies o: pories,
and also hath couenanted graunted promysed o: agreed, o: hereafter shall
couenant graunt promise o: agree, by the said wrytyng, to acquite discharge
o: haue harmeles the same person o: persons of al pencions portions corro-
dies indemnities sinodies and pories, goynge out of the pzemysse o: any
parcel therof, as be o: shalbe mentioned in the same wrytinges o: any of the,
shal sue fo: their remedy and recouery therof in the court of the augmenta-
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tions of the reuenues of the kinges crowne, and not elsewhere: And that the party defendaunt, hauyng any suche discharge, being conuented called oꝝ sued in any other court oꝝ place, oꝝ befoze any other iuge, foꝝ any the causes abouesaid, shalbe discharged & dismissed out of the same court oꝝ place, with out any thing paieng foꝝ the same, by thonely shewing foꝝth any of the said wꝛytynges, sealed vnder any of the kinges seales, pꝛouyng oꝝ declaringe the kinge to haue couenaunted pꝛomysed oꝝ agteed to acquite discharge oꝝ saue hatmelesse the said partie defendaunt therof, as is aforesaid: Any thing con teyned in this act to the contrary not withstanding.

An act to embarre feyned recoueries of landes, wherin the kinges maiestie is in reuertion. Cap. xx.



Where diuerse of the kinges most noble pꝛogenitours, and spe cially the kynge our soueraygne loꝝde, most liberally aboue all other, hath giuen and graunted, oꝝ other wise pꝛouyded to his and theyꝝ louyng and good seruautes & subiectes, as wel nobles as other, manours meales landes tenementes tentes seruices & hereditamentes to them and to their heires males of their bodies, oꝝ to the heires of their bodies lawfully begotton, myndyng at the tyme of suche gif tes not onely to pꝛeferte and aduaunce pꝛesently the donees, but also theyꝝ heires in bloud of their bodies, accoꝝdyng to the limitation of the saide gif tes: to thentent that the recompence foꝝ the seruice of such donees shuld not onely be a benefite foꝝ their owne persons, but a continuall pꝛofite and com moditie to and foꝝ theyꝝ heires comyng of their bodies, wherby such heires shulde haue in spectall memoꝝy and dayly remembraunce, the pꝛofytte that they haue and take by the seruyce of theyꝝ aūcestours done to the kinges of this realme, and therby be the better encouraged to do like seruice to their soueraigne loꝝde, as to their dueties of allegiaunce apperteyneth. And foꝝ as moche as sundꝛy suche donees in taylor, and their heires haue suffred and dayly suffre by their consentes, vntꝛue and feyned recoueries to be had a gainst them, with common vouches oꝝ otherwise, of manours meales lan des tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes, so giuen graunted oꝝ pꝛouyded in taile by the kinges maiestie, oꝝ his noble pꝛogenitours, as is aforesayde, to the entent by fraude couine and vndue meanes not onely to bynde and defete their heires inheritable by the lymitation of suche giftes, but also the king of his pꝛerogatiue, wardshyp, pꝛimer seison, and other his rightes, wherby questions and diuersities of opinion hath risen and yet be: whether suche feyned and vntꝛue recoueries ageynst such tenautes in taylor, by their own consentes, of landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes, wherof the reuertion oꝝ remaindre is in the kynge at the tyme of suche recouerye oꝝ recoueries had, shuld after the death of the tenaunt in taylor bynde the heires in taylor oꝝ not: foꝝ playne declaration wherof, and to auoyde and extincte from hencefoꝝthe diuersities of opinion in suche cases, Be it ordeyned and enacted by auctorite of

tie of this present parlyament, that no suche feyned recovery, hereafter to be had by assent of parties ageynst any suche ternaunte oꝝ ternauntes in taylor, of any landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes, wherof the reuertion oꝝ remayn- dze at the time of such recovery had, shalbe in the king, shal bind oꝝ cōclude the heires in taile, whether any condition vouchet be had in any such feyned recovery oꝝ not, but that after the death of euery such ternaūt in taylor, ageynst whō any such recovery shalbe had, the heires in taile may entre haue & en- ioy the lādes tenementes and hereditamentes so recovered, accoꝝding to the fourme of the gifte of entaile: the saide recovery oꝝ any other thing oꝝ thin- ges hereafter to be had done oꝝ suffred by oꝝ ageynst any such ternaūt in taylor to the cōtrary not withstandinge.

¶ And be it also further enacted, by thautortie afoꝝesaide, that the heires of euery suche ternaunt in taile, ageynst whom any such feyned recovery shall be had, shall take none aduauantage foꝝ any recompence in value ageynst the vouchet, noꝝ his heyres.

¶ Pꝛouided alway that this acte noꝝ any thinge therein contēned, be in a- ny wise pꝛejudicial oꝝ hurtfull to the lessee oꝝ lessees of any suche ternaunt in taile, made oꝝ to be made by wꝛytinge indented, of any manours landes te- nementes oꝝ hereditamentes foꝝ terme of. xxi. yeres, thꝛee lyues, oꝝ vnder, wherbypon the accustomable rente and rentes oꝝ moꝝe, is oꝝ shall be refer- ued, pꝛely during the saide terme and termes: but the same lessee and lessees shall and may haue and enioy his oꝝ their terme and termes therein agāst the heire and heires of euery such ternaunt in taile, accoꝝding to the tenour purpoꝛte and effecte of the statute made in the xxxi. yere of the reygne of our soueraigne lord king Henry the. viii. any thing in this act contēned to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ An acte foꝝ the confirmation of letters patentes not withstanding misnaminge of any thing contēned in the same. cap. xxi.



Where the kingis most excellent highnes, sithen the fourthe day of february, in the. xxviii. yere of his maiesties reigne, hath opteyned and purchased, as wel by exchaunges, as by giftes bargaynes fines feoffmentes, recoveries, dedes enrol led, and other wise, of diuerse & sundry persons, many sundry & diuers honoꝝ castels manours landes tenementes medowes stures woodes rentes reuertions seruices and other hereditamentes, & hath not only paide diuers and sundry great summes of money foꝝ the same, but also hath giuen and graunted foꝝ and in consideration therof, vnto dy- uers persones late owners thereof, dyuers and sundry manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, and other recompences, in and foꝝ full sa- tisfaction of al such honours castels manours landes tenementes rentes re- uertions seruices & other his hereditamentes by his highnes obteyned pur- chased oꝝ had, as is abouesaid: Be it therfoꝛe enacted by thautortie of this present

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present p[re]sentment, þ[er] our said soueraigne lord the king, his heires & successours, shal haue hold possede and enioy all and singulat the same honours castels manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, whiche his highnes, sith the sayd fourth day of february, in the .xxvii. yere abouesaid, hath obtained and had, o[re] at any time during the space of .vii. yeres next ensuling the making of this present acte, shal obteyne purchase o[re] haue, by waye of exchaunge bargayne purchase o[re] other what so euer meane o[re] meanes, according to the true meaning and intent of his highnes bargain exchaunge o[re] purchas therein, misrecital all mysnamynge, o[re] non recital, o[re] not naming of any of the said honours castels manours landes tenementes & other hereditamentes, o[re] of the true names o[re] certainties of them o[re] any of them comprised o[re] mentioned in the bargains o[re] wytynges made betwene the kynges highnes and any other partie o[re] parties, o[re] of any part o[re] parcel therof, o[re] of any of the townes o[re] countiees, where the said honours castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes lye and ben, o[re] any other matter o[re] cause what so euer it be, in any wyse not withstanding: Sauynge to all and euery person and persons, and to their heyres, bodies politike and corporate, and to theyr successours, and to euery of them, other than suche person and persons and their heires, and theyr wyues, and the wyues of euery of them, bodies politike and corporate, and theyr successours and euery of them, of whome the kynges highnesse hath obteyned by exchaunge, gyfte, bargayne, fyne, feoffement, recouerie, dede enrolled, o[re] otherwyle, o[re] at any tyme hereafter duryng the sayd .vii. yeres next coming, shal obteyne purchase o[re] haue any suche honours castels manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, as is aforesaid, al such right title h[er]e interest possession rentes charges annuities comodities fees and other p[ro]fites (rentes seruices and rentes seckes onely except) whiche they o[re] any of them haue mighte o[re] ought to haue had, in o[re] to the p[re]misses so opteined and had in o[re] to any patcell therof, in as ample and large maner forme and condition, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as if this act had neuer ben had ne made: This present act, o[re] any thing therein contened to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And where also our said soueraigne lord the kyng, sithen the said fourth day of february, in the sayde .xxvii. yere of his maiesties regne, as well vpon dyuerse and sundry good considerations, his maiestie specially moving, as also otherwyle, hath bargayned solde exchanged, giuen and granted by his graces seuerall letters patentes, indentures o[re] other wytynges sealed vnder his highnes great seale of Englande, the seale of his duchy of Lancaster, and the seale of office of the courte of augmentations of the reuenues of his crowne, o[re] any of them, as well to bodies politike and corporate, as to dyuers and sundry other of his louynge and obedient subiectes diuers and sundry honours castels manours monasteries abbathes priories landes tenementes rentes reuertions leturges personages appropriated aduousons tithes oblations pensions portions franchises p[ri]uileges liberties offices and other hereditamentes comodities and p[ro]fites, in fee

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Exmple, fee tayle, for terme of lyfe or lyues, or for terme of yeres, as in the same seuerall letters patentees indentures and other wytynges is mencioned and declared. And where also the kynges maiestie heretofore sythen the said fourthe day of february, by his seuerall letters patentees, sealed vnder the said great seale of Englande or otherwyle, of his accustomed goodnesse, hath newly erected ordeyned and made dyuers byshops deanes and chapters colleges and other bodys politike and corporate, and hath by his seuerall letters patentees, sealed vnder the said great seale of Englande, gyuen and graunted aswell vnto them, as to diuers other bodys politike and corporate, and to theyr successours, by suche name or names as they than were be or now stande corporate, diuers manours landes tenementes personages rithes pencions portions aduousons nominations presentations and other hereditamentes and suche or lyke liberties and iurisdiccions in the same manours landes and tenementes mencioned in any of the same letters patentees, as he to whom any such letters patentees were or be made or granted, or his predecessours befoze had or enioyed in the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes departed or appointed to the kyng, or suche as any the late abbotte or priour of any the late monasteries or priories, or other person or persons what so euer or any of them mencioned in any of the said letters patentees, laufully had exercised bled or enioyed within the said castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, mencioned in any of the said letters patentees, in auoyding disturbyng hurtynge or hindertynge of dyuers of the sayde seueralle letters patentees, indentures, and other wytynges, and of the manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and other thynges in theym conteyned, sundry and many ambiguities doubtes and questions haue or might hereafter happē to be moued objected alleged, inuented, procured, or styrted, as wel for mysnamynge, mysrecptal, or nonrecptal of any of the same honours, castelles, manours, monasteries, abbathies, priories, landes, tenementes, and other the premysse, or any parcel therof, or for lacke of fyndynge of offices or inquisitiones of & in the premysse, wher by the title of the kynges highnes therein ought to haue ben founde, befoze the makynge of the same letters patentees, or other wytynges, or for mysrecptal, or none recptal of leasses thereof befoze made, as wel of reco:de as not of reco:de, or for lacke of the certainte, miscallynge, ratynge, or settynge furthe of the perely values & rates of the premysse, or of the perely rentes reserved of & for the premysse, or any parcel therof, mencioned or conteyned in any of the sayd letters patentees or other wytynges, or for that the premysse be, or any part therof is valued to a moze or lesse value in the said letters patentees or wytynges, than the said manours landes tenementes & other the premysse than were or shalbe in perely value: or for misnamynge of the townes hamlettes parishes or countie, where the same honours castels manours monasteries abbathies priories landes tenementes rentes hereditamentes & other the premysse, and every parcel thereof, or any parcell therof, lyen or ben: or for lacke of the true namynge of the natures kyndes sortes or quantitties of the

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the sayd possessions or hereditamentes, or any parcell therof: or for lacke of the true nampng of the copozation of the same: or for lacke of atturment liuerie or sealon, or for mynaminge of any the late tenauntes or fermours of the same so solde giuen or exchaunged. For remedye and refourmation wherof, be it ordeyned and enacted by the kynges moste excellent highnes, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempoꝛal, and the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, and by authoritie of the same, that as well all and ebery the sayd letters patentes indentures and other wytynges and euery of them, sealed with or vnder the seale or seales abouesayd, or any of them, made or graunted by the kynges highnes sithen the said fourth daye of february, in the sayde. xxvii. yere of his moste noble reygne, as also all and singular his gracies letters patentes indentures and other wytynges hereafter, during the space of. vii. yeres next ensuyng the making of this present acte, to be had made or graunted with or vnder any of the seales aboue saide, to any bodye politike or copozate, or to any other personne or personnes, of any honours castelles manours monasteries abbathies priories nournies colleges hospitals houses of friers, or of other religious or ecclesiastical houses or places sites circuits procinctes landes tenementes personages tithes pencions portions aduoulsous ngninations presentatiōs franchises liberties and other hereditamentes commodities posseliōs and pꝛofites, of what kynd nature or qualitie so euer they or any of them be, is or shalbe, or by what so euer name or names they or any of them be is or shal be named knownen or reputed, shal stande and be good effectual & auaylable in the lawe to al intentes respectes constructions & purposes agaynst his maiesty, his heyyes and succellours, without any confyrmation licence dispensation or tolleracion of the kinges highnes his heyyes or succellours or of any other person or personnes what so euer, any the causes or matters aboue mentioned, conteyned, or hereafter duringe the sayde seuen yeres, to be conteyned in any suche letters patentes indentures or other wytynges, to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ Pꝛouyded alway, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that al & singular suche letters patentes, whiche at any tyme heretofore, sithen the. xxviii. day of Apryll, in the. xxi. yere of our sayd soueraygne lordes rayne, haue ben graunted or made, or hereafter shalbe made by the kynges highnes, to any person or persons, of any office of keping of any castel, blockehouse, parke, chace, foꝛrest, or kepyng of any manour or mansion place, house or houses, with an annuall fee or other yerely pꝛofyts for the exercysyng of the same, and after the sayd castel blockehouse, manoure, mansion place, house or houses, parke, chace or foꝛrest, happen to be fallen downe, deparked, disfoꝛrested or dystroied, so that the cause of the exercysyng of such office is determined: that than the letters patentes of graunt of the same office & offices, with the fee and fees or other pꝛofites for the exercysyng of the same, shal be from thenesfurth clerely determyned, and stande and remayne as bovyde for euer: Any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

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¶ Provided also that this act or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not in any wise extend to reuiue or make good any letters patentes of the graunt of any office or offices, heretofore graunted or made by our said soueraigne lord the kyng, whiche now is or be, or at any tyme heretofore haue bene adnichilated determined or made void by auctorite of parliament, iudgement, decree, or otherwise, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alway, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that all and singular suche patentees grauntees and donees, as at any tyme from henceforth during the sayd seven yeres now next comyng, shall fortune to haue or obteyne any castelles manours landes tenementes tithes pencions portions or other hereditamentes, of the gyfte graunte sale or exchaunge of the kynges maiestie, or of the onely gyfte of the kynges maiestie, of his moeste, liberall disposition and not solde, whyche at the daye of the date of the letters patentes thereof made, shall be of more or better yearely value to the kyng in yerely rente and ferme, than shall be conteyned mencioned or specified in any suche letters patentes and particulars thereof made by the auditour or auditours, and in suche byll or bylles as shall be signed and sealed with the hande or handes of the patentee or patentees thereof, to be exhibited to the kynges maiestie, or his officer or officers, within whose suruey the said manours landes and tenementes, & other the premises, or any part thereof shalbe, or within any of them, whiche byll shall be signed sealed had and made as is aforesaid, before any byll shall be thereof signed by the kynges maiestie, that than every of the sayd patentees grauntees and donees, their heyres executours or administratours, within one yere next after due pfofe and decree thereof made and had in the courte, within whose suruey the same castels manours landes tenementes and other the premises, or any parcell thereof than shalbe, shall content and pay vnto the kyng for the same ouer plus and more value, for the same manours landes tenementes tithes pencions portions and other hereditamentes to hym solde or exchaunged, after suche rate as the other landes and tenementes were before to him solde or exchaunged: And for the ouerplus and more value of suche landes and tenementes, as shal happen to be gyuen by the kynges maiesty, and not solde as is abouesaid, the saide patentee, his heyres executours or administratours shal content and pay to the kyng after the rate of .xx. yeres purchase: so that the same pfofe and decree be had and made in fourme abouesaid, within ten yeres nexte after the date of the sayd letters patentes.

¶ Provided alway, that this act or any prouision clause or article therein conteyned, shall not be vnderstande or interpreted to be hurtfull or prejudiciall to any the kynges letters patentes, indentures or wytynges heretofore made, concernynge any bargaines couenanntes sales grauntes, exchaunges or gyftes of any castels, manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, in fee simple, or in fee tayle, sithen the fourth daye of february, in the .xxvii. yere of his maiesties reigne, and before the .xxviii. daye

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of Apryll, in the .xxviii. yere of his sayde highnes reygne, vnder any of the seales aboue specified in this acte: noꝛ to any act oꝛ statute hertofore made foꝛ the coꝛroboration of any such letters patentes, indentures oꝛ wꝛytinges.

CAn acte that fynes in towne corporate shalbe made as the same hertofore tyme haue ben. Cap. xlii.



Where in the parlyament, holden in the .xxvii. yere of our most drede soueraigne loꝛde kyng Henry the eight, It was enacted by auctoritie of the said parliament amonges other, that no fyne feoffement oꝛ other acte oꝛ actes, herafter to be made, suffred oꝛ done by the huf band onely of manours, landes, tenementes, oꝛ hereditamentes, beinge the inheritance oꝛ the freholde of his wife, duringe the couerture betwene them: shal in any wyse be oꝛ make any discontinuance therof, oꝛ be pꝛetudiciall oꝛ hurtfull to the said wyfe, oꝛ to her heires, oꝛ to suche as shal haue ryght title oꝛ interest by the same by the death of such wyfe oꝛ wyues: but the same wife and her heyres, and suche other to whom suche ryght shal apperteyne, after her deceasse, shal and may then lawfully entre in to all suche manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, according to their rightes and titles therein, Any suche fyne feoffement oꝛ other acte to the contrary not withstanding: Sithens the makynge of whiche act dyuers doubtes, questions, and ambiguities haue ryfen, That is to saye, whether the recoueries and dedes enrolled, whiche be in nature of fynes, and wherbypon women couert haue ben bled to be examined, taken, had, oꝛ knowledged, as well within the citie of London as in many other cities, boꝛoughes and towne within the realme of Englande, shuld bynde all suche women couert, that shulde happen to be examined vpon the same recoueries and dedes enrolled. In auoydynge therfoꝛe of all suche ambiguities and doubtes, Be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne loꝛde, the loꝛdes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this pꝛesent parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all recoueries, dedes enrolled and releaseth hertofore knowledged and taken, oꝛ at any tyme herafter to be taken and knowledged, before the maires, aldermen, recoꝛders, chamberleines, oꝛ other hed offycer oꝛ officers, as well of the citie of London, as of any other citie, boꝛough, oꝛ towne corporate within the realme of England, hauyng power and auctoritie to take and receyue the same according to the laudable vslages and customes of the sayd citie boꝛoughes and towne and euery of them, shalbe stande and remaine of like foꝛce strength and effect, to all intentes and purposes, as they oꝛ any of them were before the makynge of the said act, in the said. xxvii. yere of our said soueraigne loꝛde: Any thyng in the same act conteyned to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

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Prouided alway, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that all and singular suche patentees grauntees and donees, as at any tyme from henceforth during the sayd seven yeres now next comyng, shall fortune to haue or obteyne any castelles manours landes tenementes tithes pencions portions or other hereditamentes, of the gyfte graunte sale or exchaunge of the kynges maiestie, or of the onely gyfte of the kynges maiestie, of his moeste, liberrall disposition and not solde, whyche at the daye of the date of the letters patentes thereof made, shall be of more or better yearely value to the kyng in yerely rente and ferme, than shall be conteyned mentioned or specified in any suche letters patentes and particulars thereof made by the auditour or auditours, and in suche byll or bylles as shall be signed and sealed with the hande or handes of the patentee or patentees therof, to be exhibited to the kynges maiestie, or his officer or officers, within whose suruey the said manours landes and tenementes, & other the premises, or any part thereof shall be, or within any of them, whiche byll shall be signed sealed had and made as is aforesaid, before any byll shall be thereof signed by the kynges maiestie, that than euery of the sayd patentees grauntees and donees, their heyres executours or administratours, within one yere next after due pfofe and decree thereof made and had in the courte, within whose suruey the same castels manours landes tenementes and other the premises, or any parcell thereof shall be, shall content and pay vnto the kyng for the same ouer plus and more value, for the same manours landes tenementes tithes pencions portions and other hereditamentes to hym solde or exchaunged, after suche rate as the other landes and tenementes were before to hym solde or exchaunged: And for the ouerplus and more value of suche landes and tenementes, as shall happen to be gyuen by the kynges maiesty, and not solde as is abouesaid, the said patentee, his heyres executours or administratours shall content and pay to the kyng after the rate of .xx. yeres purchace: so that the same pfofe and decree be had and made in fourme abouesayd, within ten yeres nexte after the date of the sayd letters patentes.

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CAn acte that fynes in townes corporate shalbe made as the same hertofore tyme haue ben. Cap. xlii.



Where in the parlyament, holden in the .xxvii. yere of our most drede soueraigne loꝛde kyng Henry the eight, It was enacted by auctoritie of the said parlyament amonges other, that no fyne feoffement oꝛ other acte oꝛ actes, herafter to be made, suffred oꝛ done by the hus band onely of manours, landes, tenementes, oꝛ hereditamentes, beinge the inheritance oꝛ the freholde of his wife, duringe the couerture betwene them: shal in any wyse be oꝛ make any discontinuance therof, oꝛ be pꝛetudiciall oꝛ hurtfull to the saide wyfe, oꝛ to her heires, oꝛ to suche as shal haue ryght title oꝛ interest by the same by the death of such wyfe oꝛ wyues: but the same wife and her heyres, and suche other to whom suche ryght shal apperteyne, after her deceasse, shal and may then lawfully entre in to all suche manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, according to their rightes and titles therein, Any suche fyne feoffement oꝛ other acte to the contrary not withstanding: Withens the makynge of whiche act dyuers doubtes, questions, and ambiguities haue rysen, That is to saye, whether the recoueries and dedes enrolled, whiche be in nature of fynes, and wherbypon women couert haue ben vsed to be examined, taken, had, oꝛ knowledged, as well within the citie of London as in many other citie, boroughes and townes within the realme of Englande, shuld bynde all suche women couert, that shulde happen to be examined vpon the same recoueries and dedes enrolled. In auoydynge therfore of all suche ambiguities and doubtes, Be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne loꝛde, the loꝛdes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this pꝛesent parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all recoueries, dedes enrolled and releasses hertofore knowledged and taken, oꝛ at any tyme herafter to be taken and knowledged, befoꝛe the maires, aldermen, recoꝛders, chamberleines, oꝛ other hed offycer oꝛ officers, as well of the citie of London, as of any other citie, borough, oꝛ towne corporate within the realme of England, haue power and auctoritie to take and receyue the same according to the laudable blages and customes of the sayd citie boroughes and townes and euery of them, shalbe stande and remaine of like foꝛce strength and effect, to all intentes and purposes, as they oꝛ any of them were befoꝛe the makynge of the said act, in the said. xxii. yere of our said soueraigne loꝛde: Any thyng in the same act conteyned to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

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An act for the due execution of proclamations. Cap. xxiii.

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that now is, & there continued tyll the. xxviii. day of June
then nexte ensuing, It was enacted emonges other thinges
by the kynges maiestie, with thassent of the lordes spiritual
and tempozall, and the commons in the sayde parlyament
assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same parlyament, that the kyng, for
the tyme being, with thadvisse of his honozable counsaile, whose names be
mencioned in the same act, or with thadvisse of the moze part of them, myght
set forth at all tymes, by the auctoritie of the same acte, his proclamations,
vnder such penalites and peines, and of suche sozte, as to his highnes and
his said honozable counsaile, or the moze parte of them, shuld seme necessa-
ry and requisite: and that the same shulde be obeyed obserued and kepte,
as though they were made by acte of parlyament, for the tyme in them ly-
mitted, onles the kyng dispence with them or any of them vnder his great
seale. And it was then further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if
any person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condition so ever he or they
be, which at any tyme from thenleforth, did wilfully offende and breake, or
obstinately not obserue and kepe any such proclamation, or any article ther-
in conteyned, which shuld procede from the kynges maiesty by the aduise of
his counsaile, as is aforesayde: that then all and everye suche offendour or
offendours, being therof within one halfe yere next after theire or his offence
commytted, accused, and therof within. xliii. monethes nexte after the same
conuicted, by confession or lawfull witnessse and pzoofes, before the arche-
bishhop of Canturbury metropolitane, the Chauncellour of Englande, the
lord Treasorour of England, the president of the kynges most honourable
counsaille, the lord pzeuie seale, the great Chamberleine of Englande, the
lord Admirall, the lord Steward or graund maister, the lord Chamber-
leine of the kynges most honozable housholde, two other billhoppes, being
of the kynges counsaile, such as his grace shulde appoint for the same, the
Secretary, the Treasourer, and the Comptroller of the kynges moste ho-
norable housholde, the maister of the hoyses, the two chief Judges, and the
maister of the rolles for the tyme beinge, the chauncellour of chaugmenta-
tions, the chauncellour of the Duchy, the chiefe baron of theschequier, the
two general surueiours, the chancellour of the eschequer, the vnder trea-
sourer of the same, the treasurer of the kynges chaumber for the tyme be-
yng, in the stete chaumber at westminster or els where, or at the least be-
fore the halfe of the number afoze rehearsed. Of whiche number the lord cha-
cellour, the lord treasurer, the lord president of the kynges most hono-
rable counsaill, the lord pziuy seale, the chamberlayne of Englande, the
lord admiral, the two chiefe iudges for the tyme beyng, or two of them
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money, to be leuied of his or their landes tenementes goodes and cattalles to the kynges ble, and also suffer suche imprisonment of his body, as shulde be expelles mencioned and declared, in any suche proclamation or proclamations, whiche suche offendour or offendours shall offende and breake or not obserue and kepe, contrary to the saide acte, as is aforesayd, as by the same acte moze at large it may and dothe appere. Sithens the makynge of whiche saide act, the kynges highnes, with the aduice of his said counsaile, and accordyng to the tenour and purpozte of the same act, hath for the welth profitte and commoditie of this his realme, caused dyuers good and godly proclamations to be made, whiche diuers euill disposed persons haue wilfully and obstinately broken and not obserued or kepte, and therhypon dyuers and sundry informations haue bene gauen and had for the kyng agaynst the same offendours, before the sayde honourable counsaile mencioned in the sayde acte, accordyng to the tenour and effecte of the same acte, and the same informations, after issue ioyned, and wytnesses published, haue taken no effecte ende or perfecte determination, within the tyme ly- mytted by the same acte, for and in default that there hath not ben present so many of the kynges sayde moste honourable counsaile, as be lymytted and appoynted by the same acte, and so therby offendours haue ben and be lyke hereafter to be unpunished, to the great encouragynge of all suche lyke offendours. wherfore be it now enacted and ordeyned, by the kyng our soveraygne lord, with the assent of the lordes spyrytuall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the aucto- ritie of the same, that al and euery iugement, sentence or decree, hereafter to be had taken made or giuen against any person or persons, in or hypon any information suite or plaint concerning any offence or offences done or com- mitted, or hereafter to be done or committed against the tenour purpozte or effect of any suche proclamation or proclamations heretofore sette forth had made and proclaimed, or hereafter to be set forth had made and proclaimed acco- dyng to the true entent and meanynge of the sayde former acte, shal or may be giuen had and made by the saide counsell, or any numbze of them, so there be then present the ful numbze of ix. persons of the saide counsell, wher- of the lord Chancellor, the lord Tresourer, the lord President of the kin- ges most honourable counsaile, the lord Priuer seale, the Chamberlaine of Englande, the lord Admirall, the two chiefe iudges for the tyme beinge, or two of them at the least shalbe two. And that the same iudgement sentence or decree so had made or giuen, as is aforesaid, shal by the auctoritie aforesaid, be and stand good & auaylable in the lawe, and of like force and effect in all and euery thinge and thinges conteyned or mencioned in the sayde former act, to al intentes construction and purposes, as if the same iugement or de- cree were giuen or made by the number of the saide counsaile, appoynted by the said former act: any clause sentence article or matter in the same former act conteyned to the contrary hereof not withstanding. This acte to endure during the kinges maiesties lyfe, which our lord longe preserue.

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An act for the assurance of certain landes to John Hynde sericant at lawe and to his heires, paying therfoze yerely .x. li. towarde the charges of the knyghtes of Cambridge shire for the tyme beyng. Cap. xliiii.



Where certayne persones were infeoffed of and in the manour of Burlewass, otherwysse called the Shire manour of the countie of Cambridge, lyeng and being in Maddingley in the said countie, and of and in two hundred acres of lande, one hundred acres of medowe, one hundred acres of pasture, with thappurtenances in Maddingley aforesaide in the same countie, beinge in the hole of the yerely value of tenne poundes, and so letten to ferme at this day, to the vse and intent, that the p[ro]fytes therof shuld yerely be receyued and taken for & towarde the payment of the fees and wages of the knyghtes of the same countie of Cambridge, being chosen for the parliament with in the same countie, at such time and times, as it shuld please the kinges most roiall maiestie, his heires or successours, to call his or their highe court of parliament, wherby the inhabitauntes within the sayde countie of Cambridge heretofore haue bene clerely discharged for and concernyng the payment of the knyghtes wages for the parliament. And for the sure and moze perfect continuaunce therof, and that the yerely value of the same manour and other the p[re]misses, may be from hensforth converted to the same vse and purpose, and also to the intent that it may be perfectly knowen, what person hereafter shall be tenaunt of the p[re]misses, and charged to answer and pay the said yerely ferme or rent of ten poundis yerely for the same, and what persones shal lykewysse receyue the saide rent to the vses and intentes aforesayd: all the gentylmen of the sayd countie of Cambridge, as wel for them selues as for the hole inhabitantes of the same countie, most humbly desyre the kynges most excellēt highnes, that it may be enacted, by his most roiall maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this p[re]sent parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that John Hynde, one of the kynges sergeantes at lawe, and his heires, shall from hensforth haue holde and enioye to him his heires and assignes for ever, to the only and p[ro]p[er] vse of the said John Hynde, & his heires, the sayd manour landes tenementes & all other the p[re]misses before rehersed, and euery parcel of the same, vnder the conditions folowynge: that is to say, that the sayd John Hynde his heires & assignes for ever, shall yelde and pay yerely for the same p[re]misses, and at the feast of saint Michael tharchangel ten poundes sterlyng, to such persons and their successours, as shall be by this p[re]sent act incorporated and enabled to receyue the same.

And also that it may be further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that Edward Nozthe knyght, Shirishe of the sayd Shire, and Thomas Rudstone esquier, knyghtes of the said Shire of Cambridge for this p[re]sent parliament, shall be one bodye incorporated, and that they and their successours, knygh-

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tes of the said countie of Cambrydge for the tyme beinge, and the Shyriffe of the saide countie, also for the tyme beinge, shal by this present acte be encozporated by the name of wardeyns of the fees and wages of the knyghtes of the shyre of Cambrydge, chosen for the parlyament, and shal haue perpetuall succession for euer in the same, and shall impleade and be impleaded by the sayde name. Whiche knyghtes of the shyre for the tyme being, and after the parlyament dissolued, as long as they shalbe liuing, vntill other knyghtes of the said shire shalbe chosen for the parliament next ensuing, shal haue and perceiue the sayd yerely rent of .x. li. and conuerthe the same to their owne propre vses by equal portions towarde the maintenance of their charges. And whan any one of the said knyghtes of and for the said shyre chosen shal dye: Than the suruiuour immediately from time to tyme shal haue and perceiue the sayd yerely rent of .x. li. to his owne sole and propre vse, vntill the tyme that newe knyghtes of the said shire shalbe elected for the parliament, who immediately after their election shal haue and perceiue the sayd yerely rent of .x. li. And if bothe the said knyghtes of the saide shire shal happen to dye, than the Shireffe of the sayd shire yerely for the tyme being, shal haue and perceiue the sayde yerely rent of .x. li. to his owne onely vse, and so to continue vnto the tyme that other knyghtes of the said shyre, shalbe chosen for the parliament than next folowynge, as is aforesayd, and so to continue after the sayd rate for euer.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctoritte aforesaid, that if it shall fortune the sayde yerely rent of .x. li. or any parte thereof to be behynde vnpayed, if any of the wardeyns aforesaid, or any of their seruauntes or assignes detourne the same, in the name or names of any of the said wardeyns, at any tyme after the sayd daye of payment expired as is aforesayd: Than it shall be lawfull to and for the said wardeyns to recouer the sayd rent by action of debte at the common lawe, againste the owners fermours tenauntes and occupiers of the same, or any of them, or elles at their pleasures to distreine for the said yerely rent of .x. li. and the arerages of the same, in the sayd manour, and al other manours, meases landes tenementes and other hereditamentes what so euer, of the saide John Hynde, his heires and assignes in Whaddingley aforesayd, whiche said manours landes and tenementes shall be alwayes chargeable to the distresse of the sayde wardeyns for the tyme beinge, for none payment of the sayd yerely rent, and the arerages of the same. And that it shall be lefull for theym, the same distresses with theym to reteyne, vnto the tyme that the sayd yerely rent of .x. li. together with the arerages and costes of the same, vnto the sayd wardeyns for the tyme being, as their tourne shall come to haue the profittes of the same, shall be wel and truly contented and payde. And if it shall fortune the sayde yerely rent of .x. li. or any parte thereof to be vnpayde by the space of thre monethes nexte after the daye of payment thereof, as aforesaid: then it shall be lefull to and for the sayde wardeyns for the tyme beinge, their seruauntes and assignes or any of them, into the said manour landes and tenementes in Whad

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byngley aforesayde, by what so euer name or names the same be knowen or called, to entre, and the same and the profyttes therof continually to reteine to theyr owne sole propre vles, vnto the tyme that the said yerely rent, together with the arerages therof (if any shall be) vnto the sayde wardynes shall be well and truely contented and payed, by the sayde John Hynde his heires and assyngnes or one of them as aforesayde: and so from tyme to tyme whan any suche chaunce shall happen, withoute any veration, suite, or trouble of the tenantes, fermours, owners, or occupiers of the same, the said wardynes shall enter and haue and enioy the sayde manour of Burlewes landes and tenementes aforesaid, as afoze is declared: Any thyng in this present act conteyned to the contrary hereof in any wyle not withstanding.

¶ And further that it may be enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that if it shall happen that the said manours landes and tenementes or any parte therof, to come to the kynges handes, his heires or successours, by wardeshyppe, primer seison, eschete, or otherwise, that not withstandinge the sayde rent shall be yerely payde vnto the sayde wardynes for the tyme beinge, to the use and intentes aforesaid, and by the authoritie of this present acte, all recepuours bailiffes and other ministers to the kynges highnes, his heires & successours and euery of them, shall haue sufficient warrant to pay the said rent as aforesaid, and to be allowed of the paiement of the same by vertue of this present act, without any other warrant from the kynges highnes to be made for the same.

¶ Wherbynd alway, and be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that if hereafter it shall happen, that the said manour of Burlewes, and the landes and tenementes aforesaid, with thappurtinaunces or any parte therof, to be recouered by faynt pleader reddition or other fraude or couyn: than it shall be lafull to and for the sayd wardynes and euery of them at tymes hereafter into the said manour landes and tenementes so recouered by couyn, to reenter, and the same to haue and enioy to them & their successours for euer: Any thing in this present acte conteyned to the contrary hereof in any wyle not withstanding. Sauing to euery person & persons bodies politique and corporate, their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euery of them, other then the said persons and their heires, that now be and hereafter shall be seised or in possession of the said manour of Burlewes landes and tenementes and other the premises with thappurtinaunces, to thuses and ententes aforesaid, towarde the payment of the fees wages and other charges of the sayd knyghtes of the sayd shire of Cambridge, and Myresses of the said countie for the tyme being, as afoze is reherfed, all such title possession right interest action and condition, as they or any of them hath in and to the same, or in or to any part therof, as fully and holy, as if this present act had neuer ben had or made: Any thinge conteyned in this present act to the contrary herof in any wyle not withstandinge.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that in consideration of the premises, the countie of Cambridge, and the inhabitantes of the same,

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same, shal herafter for ever be discharged of all suche summes of money, as hertofore haue ben accustomed to be leuyed and payde for the fees of the knightes of the parliament of the said countie.

**An act that th inhabitants of Doole may erect a windmill, and a
Conduite within the kinges maiesties waste ground
of Baiter. Cap. xxv.**



A most humble wise shewen vnto your most excellent highnes, your pooze daily oratours and true and faythfull subiectes, the maire burgesses and inhabitantes of your towne and porte of Doole, in your countie of Dorset, that where your saide oratours and their predecessours burgesses and inhabitantes of your said towne and port alwayes hertofore time out of minde haue ben compelled and driuen of very necessitie, to cary & recary al maner their corne prouided for the sustentation of their poze householdes, vnto certeine milles being. iiii. miles distant at the least from your said towne and port, to grinde, to the great losse trouble and vnquietnesse of your said oratours. For remedy wherof, and for the more ease quietnes and commoditie of your said oratours, and the more and better safegard of your said towne and port: Be it enacted, ordeyned, and established, by your highnes, with thassent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this your present high court of parlyament assembled, and by thauctoiztie of the same, that it shalbe lausful to your saide oratours, and to their successors, at their libertie and plesure, to erect, make, frame, and set vp, at in and vpon your waste ground and common within the said towne called Baiter, in a place there most requisite & conuenient, at their propre costes and charges, one good and sufficient windmil, to serue the said towne and porte, and the butgeses and inhabitantes of the same, and to take and haue one hundredeth foote of assise square of the said waste ground, for a conuenient hill to be made to set one windmil vpon. And also lyke libertie and licence to set one conduite head at a certeine place called Cotnam, within the kinges waste ground without the said towne of Doole, taking and hauing. xvi. fote of assise square of the same ground, for the situation of the same conduite head, for the conueying of frethe water, for the seruinge of the same towne, and to haue also like free libertie to digge and drawe in by throughe and vpon all places and waies ther vnto moste mete and conuenient, with free course and recourse, into and from the same at al times herafter for ever: yeldynge and paying therfore yerely vnto your highnes, your hetres and successors, one peper corne, if it be asked, for al other exactions seruices and demandes, and your said oratours shal accordyng to their most bounden dueties, continually praye to god for the prosperous preservation of your moste noble and roiall maiestie long in felicitie to reigne and endure,

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